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ANTI-BRITISH RIOTS IN CANTON

HOW IT LOOKED TO BE THERE

"As I flew over Shameen at about 5 p.m., I could see buildings still burning. The more easily identified ones were the Butterfield and Swire, Jardines and Chartered Bank buildings," says Reuter correspondent Henry Bough.

Bough continued that in less than half an hour, a frenzied mob of a few hundred students burnt down the British Consulate-General offices and official residences, the Netherlands consulate and the headquarters of several British firms.

An anti-British demonstration started off from Sun Yat Sen's monument outside the city, he said.

When they got as far as the business thoroughfare about half a mile from the former foreign concession of Shameen, the authorities made efforts to disperse the crowd.

But a few hundred, mostly students, broke loose and made for the British consulate on the island.

After shouting anti-foreign slogans, a few bolder students climbed into the residence of the Consul-General, Mr. Ronald Hall.

Soon after documents, furniture and clothing came flying out of the house into bonfires.

The consulate offices were next attacked. Again anything burnable was thrown into more bonfires.

Once inside the offices and compound the mob set fire to the main building. The fire soon spread to the residences.

The offices of the Information Department of the Consulate, the Chartered Bank and Butterfield and Swire were then attacked.

Furniture and documents were thrown out of the offices and heaped onto bonfires. Only yesterday Reuter's had established its Canton bureau in Butterfield and Swire's offices.

Police and gendarmes stood by helplessly being easily outnumbered. Armed reinforcements arrived about two hours after the attacks began.

U.S. Takes A Stand

Canton, Jan. 16.

The Counselor Minister of the United States Embassy, Mr. P. A. Park, made the following statement today.

"China is a great nation and is one of the Big Five. As such, she must realize that she has responsibilities.

"Any action taken should have been done through diplomatic channels rather than by burning down the British Consulate. I am very sad."

—United Press.

WARSHIP READY FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION

H.M.S. "Hart," under the command of Captain Ross, DSC, was last night under orders to stand by to proceed to Canton this morning if the situation in Canton warrants her presence there to take off British and other foreign nationals.

"Hart's" departure for Canton this morning, however, will depend on a report from a Naval Officers group sent yesterday to Canton by motor-launch to investigate the situation there.

Meanwhile, British shipping to Canton was voluntarily suspended last night pending a clarification of the situation in Canton.

The s.s. Fatsan, scheduled to have sailed at midnight did not leave.

The agents last night refunded the fares paid in earlier in the day.

Air Link

A United Press message from Canton last night said that Hong Kong Airways has suspended scheduled flights between the two cities in order to evacuate between 60 and 100 British women and children to Hong Kong.

The message added that all British nationals were taking overnight shelter in other Consulates and private homes.

Few, if any, private homes were damaged or looted. Most of the destruction by the demonstrators was confined to official property, and the big foreign firms.

The first Hong Kong Airways plane will leave today at 7.30 a.m. It was learned locally last night.

THE WEATHER

At 6.00 GMT the typhoon centred about 400 miles S. of Samar was moving slowly W. It is a strong storm.

Forecast: Heavy rain, strong W. wind. Pressure remains high over Hong Kong and a small anti-cyclone has formed over the Yangtze Valley.

Frenzied Crowd Sets Fire To Consulate CIVILIANS INJURED

The British Consulate in Canton together with the adjoining British Information Service, were completely gutted yesterday afternoon when an infuriated Chinese mob, protesting the Kowloon City evictions in Hong Kong, stormed the building, wrecked the furniture and set it afire. The British Press Attache (J. L. Murray) said all the archives were lost.

H. A. Boucher, United States Consul-General at Canton, said six British were injured. American citizens and property were threatened during the three-hour riot.

Among those injured were: J. L. Murray, British press attache; Mrs. John Williams, his secretary; her husband John Williams, secretary of the YMCA; Jack Parkhouse, of Deacon and Company, import and export shipping firm of Hong Kong; and L. B. Wood, Norwegian and Danish Consul, also of Deacon and Company. None was seriously hurt, being mostly manhandled, stoned and bruised.

The Rev. John Williams and his wife were unaccounted for earlier, but are now reported safe, although slightly injured.

About 80 of the rioters have been taken into custody and are now imprisoned in the Shameen Police Station.

Eye-witnesses said the mob, which included uniformed members of the Sun Min Chu I Youth Corps, prevented the approach of the fire brigade.

Properties of Butterfield and Swire, in which the British Information Service was located, were completely gutted but the office of the Texas Co. was only slightly damaged.

The Texas Co. oil installations are on the other side of the river.

Attache's Trouble

The mob attacked Press Attache Murray and his wife—the former Katrina Parsons of San Francisco—and Miss Barbara Roffe, secretary to Consul General Ronald Hall, while the trio were taking shelter in the home of the American Naval Attache, Commander Edward Buchanan.

Mr. Ronald Hall, the British Consul-General, left the premises earlier under police escort when the mob began to get ugly.

Consulate Attack

The vanguard of the mob arrived in front of the Consulate about 12.30 p.m. and more broke windows and pulled down the flagstaff.

The main body, however, which arrived an hour later, broke into the premises, wrecked the furniture and set papers and documents afire.

Overwhelmed

The mob overwhelmed the few policemen guarding the bridge to Shameen, a small island separated from the city by a moat and where the foreign Consulates and communities are situated.

Chinese troops wearing full battle kit eventually dispersed the mob.

Among properties which were damaged were the premises of Butterfield and Swire, Jardine, Matheson and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, all of which were badly scarred by fire.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank was stoned and windows broken.

Most seriously injured of the British personnel appears to be J. H. Parkhouse, of Deacon and Co., who was beaten about the head by rioters. He is under the care of Dr. George Graetz.

In Nanking

In Nanking, the British Embassy last night protested to the Chinese Foreign Office over the Canton rioting and asked for increased police guards round the Embassy.

Mr. Hollington Tong said earlier that the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, was expected to make a statement on the Canton riots late last night.

In Shanghai, the local authorities sent a special detachment of police to guard the British Consulate-General, following the British request for protection.

Although students of two universities, Chungking and Tung Chi University, declared a two-day strike to protest against the Kowloon evictions, the majority of the other educational institutions in Shanghai decided not to take similar action.

They agreed, however, to send a joint petition to the National Government demanding protection of territorial sovereignty, the retrocession of Hong Kong and Kowloon, and the dispatch of Chinese troops to Kowloon to protect Chinese residents there.

It is reported that the Chinese of Chungking and Tung Chi University declared a strike after their request for holding a mass demonstration with other students was rejected by the City authorities.

Chinese reports said several police and students were wounded in a riot on the campus of Tung Chi University yesterday.

The City authorities are reported to be watching the student movement closely.

Meanwhile, professors of local universities are said to have sent a joint protest to the British authorities over the Kowloon incident.—United Press, Reuter and Associated Press.



Formula For Settlement

Shanghai, Jan. 16.

A tentative formula for the solution of the Kowloon eviction case is believed to have been found at a conference on Thursday night between the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, and the Chinese Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, according to a Central News Agency report from Nanking.

Earlier, Mr. Yin Pao-yu, director of the department of European Affairs of the Foreign Ministry, demanded in the course of a discussion with Mr. G. P. Labouchere, Counselor of the British Embassy, the immediate release of the two Kowloon City residents arrested by the Hong Kong police and subsequently sentenced to three months' hard labour, the same agency reported, says Reuter.

The Nanking Foreign Office refused to give details but said they hoped they would resolve the current dispute over the eviction of squatters from the walled city.

The British Embassy said London had acknowledged receipt of the Chinese written protest.

A British Embassy spokesman at Nanking said he hoped for an "amicable solution" soon of the Kowloon incident, involving the eviction by the Hong Kong Government of Chinese squatters.

But he made it plain that London was not expected to yield ground to the question of jurisdiction over the walled city.

The spokesman quoted terms of the 1898 Convention which says that within Kowloon "Chinese officials now stationed there shall continue to exercise jurisdiction, except so far as

may be inconsistent with military requirements for the defence of Hong Kong" bolster the English claim of control.

The British interpret the phrase, "Chinese officials now stationed there" as referring solely to the Manchu Dynasty officials then ruling and added that England was given unilateral power to determine whether Kowloon occupation was consistent with the defense of the Hong Kong colony.

The Chinese argument is that the phrase about Chinese officials means the Chinese Government.

The British hope that the incident will die down and think it is a political move to divert the attention of the Chinese away from more pressing internal troubles.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Threat To Peiping Banking

Peiping, Jan. 16.

Chinese official quarters said today that the collection of conscription tax from foreign firms was suspended, following an incident in which threatening demands were made on the local branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and other British firms.

They said the Civil Affairs Bureau has communicated the decision to the Pao Chia, whose agents threatened the British bank's Chinese staff with forced labour unless a sum was paid for the comfort of conscripts.

The agents brought in armed soldiers to back up their demands.

The row ended with the arrest of the British Consul and Foreign Office representatives.

The official quarters said the decision to suspend collection of the "irregular" tax from foreign firms has also been communicated to the Foreign Office at Nanking for confirmation.

They stressed, however, that Chinese employees of foreign firms are still liable for conscription.—Reuter and Associated Press.

AROUND THE FLAG AT CANTON

Mobs, who yesterday stormed into the British Consulate in Canton, set fire to the building.

Photo above shows the portion of the Consulate compound where the students pulled down the flag-mast. Curiously enough, the Chinese flag at Kowloon City is still flying.

Answerable, too, are the Chinese authorities in Canton. It is pleaded, and the statement is factual, that Dr. T. V. Soong issued orders prohibiting demonstrators from carrying out their avowed intention of marching on Shameen.

The fact remains that no proper precautions were taken to prevent a breach of that instruction, and that more than two hours elapsed between the first indications that grave trouble was developing and the marshalling of a sufficient force to disperse the mob and restore some semblance of order.

These are breaches of international obligations which permit of no misunderstanding.

To warn that force will be employed to prevent any further such outrages against foreign guests of China comes a little late.

Facts are, of course, of no importance to Chinese agitators; but the facts contained in this affront to the British flag, this loosing of an uncontrolled mob upon defenceless people, brook of no argument.

If China ever held any sort of moral position in the Kowloon City affair, this shocking outrage puts her entirely out of court. No plea of pretext can alter that.

Life Lines

The Hagana headquarters announced that the "striking force" had launched a dozen attacks along Haifa's "life line" in an effort to open up roads to the city which have been dangerous thoroughfares since the port city was bottled up yesterday.

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Unconfirmed reports said the Egyptian Vice Consul at Haifa had been hit by a stray bullet and was injured slightly while asleep in his bed this morning.

Haifa was deserted generally. Arabs and Jews were not engaged in battle and stayed clear of the mixed quarters.

British police took into custody Uzi Weizman, nephew of the Zionist leader, Chaim Weizman, after he presented himself at a police station and admitted he was plotting a Hagana plane over Kfar Saba, Haifa, between Haifa and Jerusalem yesterday.

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—Reuter.

Jews Strike Back In Battle Of Haifa Streets

Jerusalem, Jan. 16.

Jews struck back at Arabs in Haifa today for yesterday's Arab-authored wave of terror. First reports said that at least 30 Arabs were killed in a "punitive operation" carried out by the Hagana.

The attack was directed largely against Arab transport in retaliation for Arab activities yesterday.

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MISSIONARIES FOUGHT SNIPERS WITH PRAYER

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A grim tale of their harrowing experiences when the sound of artillery shook their homes and hospitals was told by the first foreign missionaries who reached Shanghai from Kailfeng late yesterday, in the vanguard of the American missionary flight from the Communists in central China.

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"MY BROTHER WAS A JAP PUPPET," HE TOLD THE COURT

The Tigress Was A Steady 16

A 16-year-old girl, known to the police as the "Lo Fu" (Tigress), was arrested about 15 times. Every time she insisted that she was 16 years old, and was leniently dealt with as a juvenile by Mr. Thomas Tam.

Yesterday she appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy, charged with obstruction and hawking without a licence. Again she insisted she was 16.

Prosecuting Inspector Moran said that Dr. Gould was of the opinion that she was over 17 and requested a 72-hour remand for defendant to be medically examined to ascertain her exact age.

Move For Traffic Diversion

The Traffic Diversion will take effect from today and the attention of drivers of all vehicles is directed to Regulation 179 of the Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance, 1947.

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. all traffic proceeding EAST from Garden Road will turn left into Queen's Road and proceed NORTH down Jackson Road and EAST along Chater Road, SOUTH along Murray Road and filter left into Queen's Road.

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. all traffic proceeding EAST along Des Voeux Road will turn NORTH down Jackson Road, EAST along Chater Road, SOUTH along Murray Road and filter left into Queen's Road.

Traffic wishing to proceed EAST will filter left into Queen's Road. Traffic wishing to proceed SOUTH up Garden Road or WEST along Queen's Road will proceed on direction from the policeman on point duty at the junction of Murray Road and Queen's Road.

Queen's Road Central between Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road Central at the Old City Hall is closed to EAST BOUND traffic, which will proceed via Des Voeux Road or Chater Road or Connaught Road.

UNKNOWN GIRL'S BODY FOUND

The body of an unidentified Chinese girl, about 23 years of age, was found by the Police on Tung I Island yesterday.

An attempt will be made by the Police Authorities today to have the girl identified.

An allegation that his elder brother was the puppet village chief under the Japanese was made by the respondent in an appeal heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The appeal was brought by Cheung Sau-tin (applicant), who sought an order that the judgment of Mr. J. Barrow, District Officer, New Territories, given on Aug. 23, 1947, and Oct. 17, 1947, be reversed and that judgment be entered for the applicant.

Applicant was represented by Mr. B. A. B. Macchi, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Comber of Messrs. Hastings & Company.

The respondent, Cheung Yui-tin, was not legally represented.

Elder Brother

Mr. B. Macchi said that applicant was the eldest brother of respondent. The father owned fields and houses in the New Territories. On the father's death, respondent succeeded to the property. Applicant claimed that he should be entitled himself to the bulk of the property.

In 1942, after a meeting of the Village Council, the brothers agreed upon an equal division of the property, as well as a division of certain property which they expected to inherit on the death of an uncle.

It was alleged by the respondent that he had signed the agreement under duress because he was afraid that applicant would call in the Japanese.

At a hearing before the District Officer, New Territories, the contract was void.

He also made certain orders as to damages. No evidence had been brought forth by the respondent to support his contention that he had signed the deed under duress.

A Village Council was a semi-judicial body and it was highly improbable that they would act in any pressure.

Didn't Know Law

Respondent, asked by Mr. Justice Williams if he had anything to say, said that he did not know law.

He appealed to Mr. Justice Williams to uphold the decision of the District Officer and to dismiss the appeal.

France And Germany

Paris, Jan. 15.

The Premier, M. Robert Schuman, tonight received General Joseph Pierre Koehnig, Governor of the French occupation Zone of Germany at his residence.

Well-informed metropolitan observers assumed the interview was a sequel to yesterday's meeting of Parliament at which the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, reviewed the French Foreign policy with special emphasis on the German situation.

It was officially stated that General Koehnig had been given "precise instructions" on France's attitude to the present evolution of Allied policy in Germany.

It is learned that the Cabinet meeting, arranged for tomorrow, had been postponed. No reason was given.—Reuter.

Personalia

C. Cronk and E. Delaney left for Shanghai by P.A.A. Clipper "Monsoon" yesterday. On the plane for San Francisco were Mr. and Mrs. A. Osatopanda and Mrs. Ying Shee Sing Wong.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—C.M. Macpherson, H.W. Osgood, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hickmott and A.H. Williams.

Peninsula departures:—E.E. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Grimm, H.B. Fraser, A.O. Whitehouse, S.B. Talati, H.N. Pimpinger, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Helck, T.T. Pedersen, Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Willoughby and David Simon.

The following arrived on Thursday by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat from the United Kingdom: Messrs. A.W. Hay, E.W. Clements, E. Lunt, A.P. Hamway, Mrs. Wadley and Miss Wadley. Others aboard the same aircraft were the Rev. Father J.A. Guerra (from Karachi), Capt. R.T. Brown, (from Bangkok) and Messrs. Hong Kin-joo, Leew Tzu-soo, L.P. Stack, Lal Kweng-chun, Lee Chen-yee and Miss Nanada Wong (from Bangkok).

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Melvin L. Ogden, of 37 Kimberley Road, Kowloon, to Miss Sau Yee-chang has been announced.

Air Commodore A. Hesketh, CB, CBE, DFC, British Air Attache in Nanking, arrived in Hong Kong by air, yesterday afternoon, from Canton, where he had been visiting Chinese Air Force units.

During his stay in the Colony, Air Commodore Hesketh will be the guest of the Air Officer, Commanding, Air Commodore S.N. Webster, CBE, AFC, and Mrs. Webster at Air House.

A talk on air conditioning was given by Mr. S.E. Faber to the Hong Kong Engineering Society at the Jacobean Room of Hong Kong Hotel yesterday evening.

The speaker illustrated his points with lantern slides thrown on the screen.

Lady Chan Chak was among the passengers who left Hong Kong yesterday for Canton by Hong Kong Airways. Other to travel up by Hong Kong Airways planes included Mr. E.W. Nixon, and Mr. C.N. Zimmermann. Mr. H.J.D. Lowe arrived yesterday from Canton by Hong Kong Airways aircraft.

RESTRICTIONS IN BURMA

Rangoon, Jan. 16.

The Burma Government has adopted legislation, limiting dealings by foreigners in Burma real estate.

Foreigners, other than British subjects domiciled in the United Kingdom, Burma, India or Pakistan, are forbidden to buy or mortgage real estate or to lease property for more than one year. An exception is extended to foreign diplomatic missions requiring property for official and residential purposes.—Associated Press.

CORRESPONDENTS TO WEB

Chicago, Jan. 15.

Charlotte, Eberly, former International News Service Correspondent in North China, and George Wells, Chicago Daily News foreign correspondent in the Orient and Europe, are married in Michigan. The bride is Miss Eberly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eberly.

They Met In Canton



Worming their way from a mass meeting at the Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall, thousands of demonstrators milled through the streets of Canton, totally disrupting traffic in certain parts of the city, carrying and shouting anti-British slogans. Members of the Sun Min Chu I Youth Corps are prominent among the mob.

ODD SPOTS IN THE NEWS

"MURDER MILL"

Tokyo, Jan. 16.

The police began investigating a possible "murder mill" in which some 40 infants might have been slain after they had arrested a man, undertaker and a man and his wife who operate a maternity and a nursery.

The undertaker was arrested when the police, suspicious of his actions, hauled him off his bicycle for questioning. The basket, attached to the rear fender of his bicycle, contained a dead infant.

A search of his home unearthed four more dead infants—their bodies stuffed into orange crates. Further probing disclosed that the undertaker worked with a man and his wife who operate a maternity and nursery. The police quoted neighbours of the nursery operators as saying that a woman, advertised in newspapers that "it would cure for infants. The neighbours said the woman, after being given infants and receiving several thousand yen for their care, did not feed or bathe them.—Associated Press.

OBITUARY

London, Jan. 16.

A United Press dispatch from Cairo said the death of King Iman, 82, king and high priest of Yemen, was unofficially reported today.

The Foreign Office had no confirmation of the report that the King died at Sanna, capital of his country.—United Press.

GAS BLAST

Chicago, Jan. 16.

A gas explosion today ripped apart a four-story furniture warehouse near Chicago's Loop district, killing at least three men and injuring two others, one of whom was trapped beneath tons of debris.

The authorities estimated the damage at \$800,000.—United Press.

THEY SWUNG OUT OVER RICE

A dispute between the proprietors of two rice shops in Peking Road, Kowloon, over the purchase of rice from travelling traders shortly after eight o'clock last night, led to an exchange of blows.

One of the men was severely beaten up and admitted to hospital in a serious condition.

His assailants were arrested and have it is reported, been detained by the Police.

IT'S A MENACE

London, Jan. 16.

The East Borneo Road Safety Committee denounced the "New Look" skirt today as a menace to highway safety.

It said the skirt distracted the attention of motorists, reduced the speed of women crossing the road and was liable to catch in the base of a wheel of a bicycle.

But the Committee decided reluctantly that no useful purpose could be served by making recommendations to dress designers.—United Press.

THE WHISKERS CLUB

The Whiskers Club, which was formed to help the poor, has been disbanded.

MORE FATS FOR BRITONS

London, Jan. 15.

The Minister of Food is to be instructed by the House of Commons to increase the ration of fat to eight ounces a week.

The new ration is for three months. As a result of the rationing, the price of fat will fall to the level of March 2, 1947.—Reuter.

STEAMER HIT SKAMPAN, HARD

When the steamer "Hait Law" hit a kampong, skamp, north of Saigon, Thailand, on Jan. 15, it was damaged.

The steamer was hit by a kampong, which is a small boat used by the natives for fishing and transport.

WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

What? When? Where? The question is asked by the natives of the kampong, which is a small boat used by the natives for fishing and transport.

HUNGER MADE HAINAN POW ENJOY EATING SNAKES

"I was so hungry I could have eaten anything then," Cpl. A. Pledger, medical NCO in charge of Hainan Camp hospital, replied to a Prosecution query whether he enjoyed eating snakes, lizards and rats, at the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday.

Cpl. Pledger, who entered the army in 1942, after a long period of service in the Middle East, said that when he entered the camp, where 81 Aussies and 70 Dutchmen died from ill-treatment and atrocities between 1942 and 1945, it was infested with rats. There was not a single decent left when they left the camp in 1945, witness said in his evidence against 17 former Japanese Imperial Navy members on trial for war crimes.

Cpl. Pledger, in response to a Prosecution query said he could not tell the taste of a rat or cat as he had no chance to get one.

Coolie Hut

Cpl. Pledger, who is giving expert evidence, gave a detailed description of the camp hospital and its environment. It was a coolie hut and was filthy and dirty. Lice, bugs and rats infested the hut and bandages and splints had to be renewed frequently.

Witness said that at the beginning of their confinement one doctor and 14 medical orderlies were assigned to the hospital. This was gradually reduced and when they were rescued in Aug. 1945, there were only one doctor, six orderlies and 100 bed-patients.

Photographs taken by the American rescuers showing the state of the prisoners when rescued were produced by the Prosecution.

Letters From Readers

"Misleading"

Sir.—Two rather misleading notes on the visit of Mr. Donald McCullough to the Colony next week, have recently appeared in the Press and I should be grateful if you would allow me space to give the true facts.

The Central Advisory Council for Adult Education in H.M. Forces provide lectures to visit Overseas Commands and such tours may be made under the auspices of the Admiralty, the War Office or the Air Ministry.

Mr. McCullough has been sent out by the Air Ministry to lecture to I.A.F. units in Air Command, Far East and the R.A.F. are responsible for all arrangements during the tour.

At the same time, his services are made available to both the Royal Navy and the Army in each area in which he lectures, just as a lecture sent out by the Admiralty or War Office is used by all three Services wherever possible.

Mr. Donald McCullough, who besides being famous as Question-Master to the B.B.C. Brains Trust, is a member of the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, has already made a tour of units in Ceylon and is, at present, in Malaya. He is due to arrive in Hong Kong by air, on Monday and will stay in the Colony for about a week before moving on to Japan.

During his stay here, he will lecture to Naval, Army and R.A.F. units on various subjects and it is hoped, in some cases, to arrange Brains Trusts.

It is possible that Mr. McCullough will also broadcast on ZBW and that he will act as Question-Master to a Brains Trust at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday evening, but both those commitments would be outside the scope of his contract with the R.A.F. and can only be confirmed after his arrival on Monday.

RAFFRO.

A Minor Miracle In Nathan Rd

"A miracle" at the junction of Nathan Road and Prince Edward Road on Jan. 15 was referred to by Traffic Sub-Inspector R. Bell when he prosecuted Lew Bew (26) before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on the charge of speeding and failing to exercise caution to ensure the safety of motorists in the vicinity.

Defendant was fined \$250. TSI Bell informed the Court that while lines are being painted at the junction of Nathan Road and Prince Edward Road, a traffic policeman is on duty there to direct traffic.

About noon on Thursday, the constable was holding up the traffic along Nathan Road to allow free passage to a radio patrol car coming out of Prince Edward Road.

Defendant, ignored the constable's outstretched hands and drove right in front of the radio patrol car, which, luckily, was going at 12 m.p.h. Accused also nearly ran into a stationary bus which had stopped at the signal.

"It was a miracle," said TSI Bell, "that an accident did not happen."

He Proved Rats Are No Good

Lau To, 19-year-old hawk of 101 Prince Edward Road, received ample proof during the past two days of the truth of the Chinese belief that it is most unkind to be bitten by a rat.

On Thursday he caught a rat in his house. The rat apparently objected to being caught.

It turned on Lau and took a good bite at him.

It was now Lau's turn to get good and mad. He pulled the rat over the rat and set fire to it.

A Police constable saw the rat alight, made inquiries and took Lau to the lock-up.

Healed before, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday, Lau told the Magistrate that "the cursed rat bit me."

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth agreed with accused's statement and added that defendant was sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

The Prosecution, officer said that in Hong Kong recently the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$250 for a similar case, but, he added, the Police were not asking for that penalty in the present case.

Lau's further bad luck was in being paroled from \$75.

ATTEMPT TO BEACH TUG AT SHUMSHUPO FAILS

An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday morning to beach a water-lifted tugboat off Shumshupo. The tugboat sank while being towed towards shore.

The vessel, the 143-ton "Maple", was anchored off Shumshupo for the past two months with two watchmen on board.

There was no crew on board. They were dispersed with some time yesterday morning.

Early yesterday morning, CWT authorities in Hong Kong were informed that the tugboat was off the "Maple" was under tow.

Attempts are being made to salvage the tugboat.

STEAMER HIT SKAMPAN, HARD

When the steamer "Hait Law" hit a kampong, skamp, north of Saigon, Thailand, on Jan. 15, it was damaged.

The steamer was hit by a kampong, which is a small boat used by the natives for fishing and transport.

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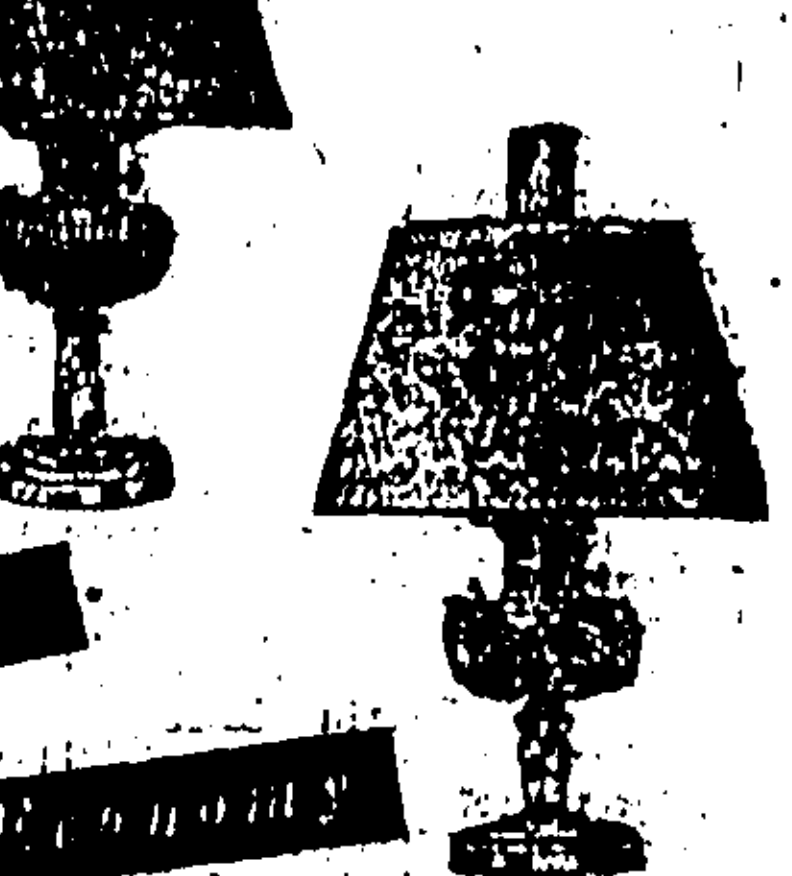
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COURT DEBATE ON DIVIDED PREMISES

A submission that there had been no parting of possession or control of premises was put forward in the course of an appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The appellants, the Tai Hing Firm, were represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada, K.C., instructed by Mr. Peter Sin of Messrs. P. H. Sin & Company. Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. F. Zimmermann of Messrs. F. Zimmermann & Co., appeared for the Kwong Sheng Firm, respondents. In the course of his submissions, Mr. d'Almada said that the sign-board of the Tai Hing Firm was openly displayed on the premises. It was usual for Chinese businesses to be carried on under different names by the same partners. No reasons in writing had been given by the Tribunal as to how they carried at their decision.

3 Formosan Japs Given Death Penalty

In the dimly lighted and cold court room of No. 5 War Crimes Court, Lt. Col. R. C. Lammington (president) yesterday pronounced the death sentence on three officers of the Japanese Army who were found guilty of the ill-treatment of prisoners of war and causing the death of some at the Saitama Camp and its branches at Yokohama and Matsuyama in Formosa.

Four of the five other Japanese charged were found guilty and were sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment.

The court finished at 4.50 p.m. Earlier in the day it had found Sgt. Hasegawa not guilty. He was discharged.

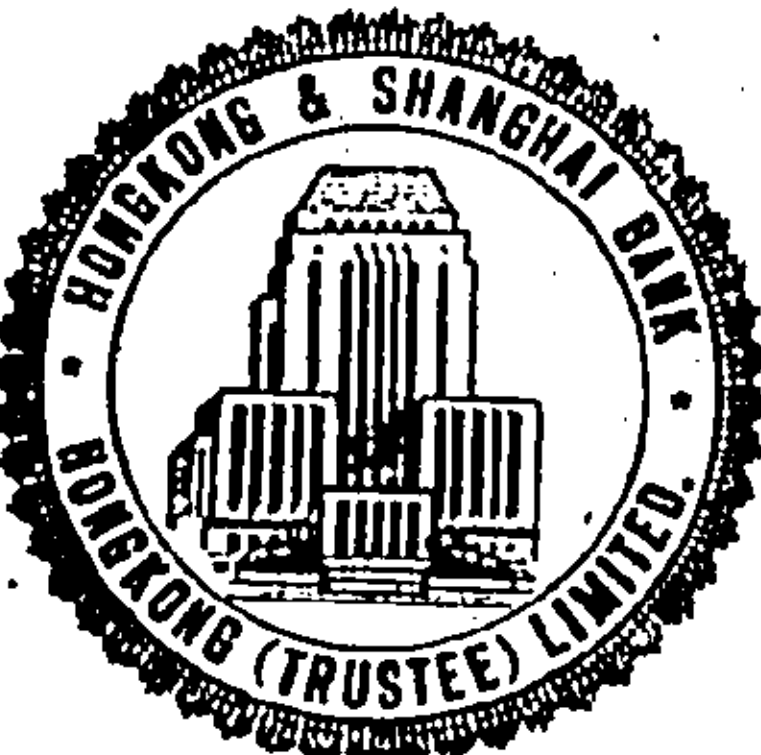
The following were the sentences meted out by the court:

Major Ueda Tetsu (last chief Commandant of Formosa P.O.W. Camp), Lt. Kunitada Iwano (Commandant of Daihoku Camp), and Lt. Kowada Susumu, sentenced to death by hanging.

Sgt. Kiyu Tanaka to 13 years' imprisonment, Sgt. Mizoguchi Minoru to one year's imprisonment, Pte. Hasegawa Yoshio (interpreter) to three years and Formosan guard Go-Ki to one year and six months.

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The evidence of Chan Chau-cho showed that the business of the Lung Chuen had only been suspended temporarily pending the obtaining of a wine dealers licence. Upon the evidence before the Tribunal, there was nothing to show that the partners of the Lung Chuen had parted with the possession or control of the premises.

Receipts

The rent receipts were issued in the name of Lung Chuen and the rent was paid by the same persons. If there was no parting of possession or control of the premises, then there could in fact be no transfer as could enable the respondents to recover possession.

Mr. Bernacchi submitted that it was strange that an alleged co-partner who was present in the Tenancy Court was not called to support the evidence of Chan Chau-cho.

The Tribunal was totally unimpressed by the evidence of Chan Chau-cho and the only question now was whether on the evidence adduced by the appellants, there was a case of transfer within the meaning of the Proclamation.

He said that there were two separate questions of law, the effect on a statutory tenancy of a change of business and the effect of an actual change in the firm.

Expression

He had used the expression "statutory tenancy" because on the basis of the Lady Chan Chak case the appellants became statutory tenants after the notice to quit mentioned in the grounds of opposition.

In view of the wording of paragraph 1 (b) (1) of the Proclamation and in view of the effect of a statutory tenancy, a complete change would be sufficient to dispossess a tenant of his statutory protection.

There was no doubt that where there was an actual change in the composition of the members or partners of a firm, that would be a transfer within the meaning of the Proclamation.

After Mr. d'Almada had replied briefly, judgment was reserved.

"A SURE LOSS"

Eleven gamblers found it a "sure loss" and more expensive to "gamble" with Police.

Convicted for opening a gambling place, Lau Sik-bor was fined \$150 by Mr. F.X. d'Almada in Central Magistracy yesterday. Eight others charged with gambling were each fined \$15, while two had their bail restricted.

DSI Moore raided Central Market at 12.15 p.m. on Thursday and found defendants playing "pai kau" in a room on the ground floor.

Eight \$143 was confiscated, which the Magistrate ordered to be given to the Poor Box. The gambling gear was to be destroyed.

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ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

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12.35 p.m.—Light Orchestral Programme.
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1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
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2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
7.15 p.m.—Studio: Unit Requests: Linda Crier Calling H.M.S. "Flycatcher".
8.15 p.m.—Studio: See You on Sport.
8.25 p.m.—Light Piano Interlude.
8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Professional Football: Celtic "Pro".

9.00 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.11 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Fred Hartley and His Music.
9.30 p.m.—Interlude.
9.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Paul Temple and the Gregory Affair" by Francis Durbridge.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.
10.15 p.m.—"Cabaret" and Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

A "Free Thai"



Nai Pridi Phanomyong, wartime leader of the Allied-sponsored "Free Thai" movement which fought the Japanese Ananda Mahidol of Siam.

Snapped at his first press conference in exile on St. John's Island (in Singapore Harbour) where he is under British protection, Nai Pridi said he will not start a government in exile.

He escaped to St. John's Island following the coup d'etat which returned the former Japanese collaborator, Field Marshal Phibun Songgram, to power in Siam.

Britain and America, who have been accused of smuggling Pridi out of Siam, will, according to a United Press message yesterday, await the outcome of next month's Siamese elections before deciding whether or not to recognise the Bangkok Government headed by Premier Phibunsonggram.

Any evidence of a "rigged" election will kill all chances of recognition, informed sources told United Press in Washington. Associated Press Photo.

TENANCY COURT HEARS "NO RENT" CASE

An application by the Hong Kong Brewery & Distillery Ltd. for the eviction of K. W. Lo from 20A Ice House Street, 2nd floor, was heard yesterday by a Tenancy Tribunal comprising Mr. R. D. Gillespie (Chairman) and Mrs. Holmes-Brown and Mr. D. J. Gilmore (Members).

Mr. D. B. Evans appeared for the Hong Kong Brewery & Distillery Ltd. (applicant), while K. W. Lo (opponent), was represented by Mr. Y. K. Kan.

The owners of the property were Ruttonjee Estates Ltd. and the applicants were tenants.

The opponent was employed by the applicants before the war. In Sept. 1945, opponent rejoined the applicants and asked to be given premises.

He was then given the premises. On April 24, 1947, opponent voluntarily resigned from the employment.

He took a whiff of gas.

Lai Kui of On Cheung, 367A Portland Street, was fined \$300 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when he pleaded guilty to possession of 100 lbs. of calcium carbide and 10 cubic feet of oxygen on Dec. 16 last, without a permit.

Div. Officer R.H.J. Brooks of Kowloon Fire Brigade informed the Court that, although it was defendant's first offence, he had been warned several times.

Up to yesterday morning defendant still had a fresh stock of both when the place was visited by the prosecutor.

The same penalty was imposed on Leung Kam-po of Sun Ngai, 239 Nathan Road, ground floor, for possession of four cubic feet of acetylene gas and 100 lbs. of calcium carbide, on Dec. 17 last.

Boy cot!



UNEMPLOYED SET OUT TO BE "A TERRORIST"

Prompt action by Detective Iu Mok uncovered a "reign of terror" centre of which was a 41-year-old unemployed in the Tong Street-Upper Lascar Road area.

Mok, commended by Mr. P. X. practice to collect money from d'Almada for his vigilance, came across two men quarrelling over money in Tong Street.

Defendant, Hung Tim, it was learned, had demanded 40 cents from hawker Sze Tai, who gave him only 10 cents which Tim accepted.

Subsequent inquiries revealed that defendant had made it a

practice to collect money from hawkers in that area. The Prosecuting Officer (Inspector Moran) told Mr. d'Almada that defendant had refused to give any assistance to Police as to the source for whom he was collecting the money.

Saying that had defendant assisted Police in their investigation, he would have asked for consideration, Inspector Moran requested that Hung be recommended for banishment.

Convicted of demanding money with menaces from Sze Tai, Hung, who asked for leniency, saying that his 62-year-old mother was ill, was sentenced to six months hard labour and recommended for banishment, at Central Magistracy yesterday.

"Displeased characters collect money from hawkers who are driving their living homelessly. You bleed them," Mr. d'Almada remarked.

Philippine Ministers

Baguio, Jan. 16. President Roxas of the Philippines has announced the immediate establishment of Legations in London, Nanking and Madrid.

The new Minister in London will be Mr. Ramon Fernandez, shipping and brewery magnate, while the new Minister in Nanking will be Mr. Proceso Sebastian.

Other appointments are: Mr. Manuel A. Adeva to be First Secretary and Consul General in Nanking; Mr. Andres Ferrer to be Vice-Consul in Amoy; Mr. Delfin Garcia (at present Vice-Consul in Shanghai); Mr. Emilio Bejuna (at present Vice-Consul in Hong Kong) to be Vice-Consul in Sydney.

Mr. Manuel Ezpeleta, who is President Roxas' Legislative Secretary, was reported to have declined a consular post in Shanghai. —Reuter.

CAUGHT PLANNING A GANG FIGHT

Caught planning a fight with another Triad Society caused Cheng Yui 23, and Wong Yan 26, to be brought before Mr. H. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of being members of an unlawful society.

A further charge of being in possession of a chopper was preferred against Cheng.

Inspector MacPherson said that information was received that a Triad Society were going to have a fight with another society.

Defendants were sentenced to 12 months, hard labour and nine months' hard labour, respectively, and to life banishment.

EXPULLED

Wong Lui was ordered to be expelled for life when she appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of obstructing the police.

Inspector Brownrigg said that when the police tried to arrest defendant and others for loitering and causing an obstruction in Hennessy Road, defendant kicked and screamed and refused to get into the police truck.

Defendant had four previous convictions for loitering in the Wanchai district.

SEASONAL

For using a "season" ticket which did not belong to her, Chan In, 40, widow, residing at 36 Elgin Street, second floor, was fined \$25 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector J. Orem said that defendant was stopped by Ferry Inspector Hurlow as she was entering the first-class entrance of the Kowloon Star Ferry wharf at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

The ticket she produced to Mr. Hurlow's inspection was issued in the name of another person.

There Was Opportunity For A Loud Bang

The dangerous habit of storing fireworks in tenement houses was emphasised by Div. Officer R.H.J. Brooks of Kowloon Fire Brigade when he prosecuted in three cases of illegal storage and possession of fireworks.

In the first case, Wong Kwok-tuen of Wong Ngai Lam, 17 Soy Street, second floor, was fined \$1,200 on two summonses of manufacturing gunpowder and fireworks, one of possession and one of storing 340 lbs. of fireworks on Dec. 16.

Describing it as "a very bad case," D/O Brooks said that the goods were found on the floor, which was occupied by the foks and sub-tenants.

The fireworks were ordered to be confiscated. For storing 185 lbs. of fireworks and having them in his custody or control, Man Kwong of Yuen Wah, 81 Wooking Street, ground floor, was fined a total of \$400.

In Showcase D/O Brooks informed the Court that defendant admitted that he should have had a licence.

Cheng Chuen of Cheng Chuen Kee, 222 Fa Yuen Street, was fined \$400 for storing 60 lbs. of fireworks and being in possession of them.

Defendant said D/O Brooks was "very slick" as he managed to dispose of the ingredients before the arrival of the prosecutor.

The information he (D/O Brooks) received was that the defendant was manufacturing fireworks, but he could find no trace of any ingredients when he arrived on the premises on Dec. 15.

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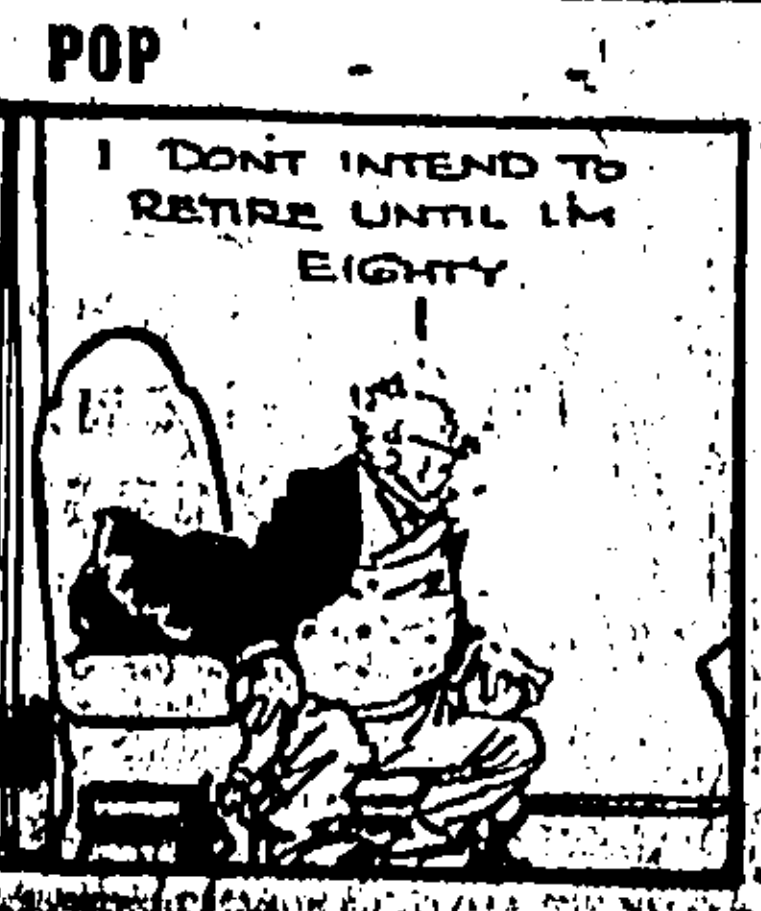
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(b) Officials of Race Meet-
ing: South of Public
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road.

(c) Village Road: all
vehicles.

(d) King Kwong Street: all
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(e) Yuk Sui Street: all
vehicles.

(f) Wong Nei Chung Road,
North of Flag cars' park:
all vehicles on East side
of road.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Hongkong, 16th Jan., 1948.

POLICE NOTICE

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(With effect from 17th Jan.,
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NORTH down Jackson
Road and EAST along
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Road, SOUTH along
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Hongkong, 16th Jan., 1948.

BAO DAI DEVELOPMENTS

Ex-Emperor Returning To Hong Kong

To Meet Bollaert On Warship

Geneva, Jan. 15.

A meeting on board the 7,000 ton French cruiser
Duguay-Trouin in the Indo-Chinese Bay of
Along next month between ex-Emperor Bao
Dai and the French High Commissioner, M.
Emile Bollaert, will be empowered to take the
final decision on the future of French Indo-
China, the ex-Emperor's secretary, Mr. H.
Thinh, told Reuter here today.

Mr. Thinh declared: "If Ho Chi Minh, Communist
leader of the Viet Nam Government, does not
submit to the decisions taken at this meeting,
we will have to fight him and his forces."

According to Mr. Thinh, the
ex-Emperor envisaged an inde-
pendent unified Viet Nam (of
Cochin-China, Tonking and
Annam) within the French
Union with himself restored on
the throne.

Mr. Thinh said the Emperor,
who would be returning to
Hong Kong after his health trip
to Europe during which he had
had conversations with M. Bol-
laert, would probably fly to the
cruiser's anchorage from Hong
Kong in a British seaplane for
the meetings next month.

Full Authority

Mr. Thinh went on: "He
will take with him full authority
from all Viet Namese parties
(except the Communists) who
agree with M. Bollaert on the
establishment of an indepen-
dent unified Viet Nam within
the framework of the French
Union."

"The meeting will be devoted
to filling out the practical details
of the principles for which the
Emperor stands and both he
and M. Bollaert will be assisted
by complete staffs of technical
assistants."

"The new Viet Nam will
possess its own diplomatic re-
presentation and probably a na-
tional army, though there will
be provision for unified com-
mand in the French Union in
case of war."

"Masses' Demand"

Mr. Thinh commented that
"the French Union does not yet
exist in reality but we hope that
it will begin to take shape in
next month's talks."

He declared: "If Ho Chi
Minh is a reasonable man he
will hand over the Government
and the armed forces he con-
trols, for the constitution which
the Emperor hopes to obtain
from the French is what is de-
manded by the great mass of
the political opinion in Viet
Nam."—Reuter.

NOTICE

IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of
WILLIAM RENNIE
FORSYTH late of The
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Dock Co. Ltd., Kowloon in
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Palestine Hold-Up

New York, Jan. 16.
Federal Bureau of Investiga-
tion agents today arrested four
men over an attempt to ship
TNT to Palestine, and warrants
were issued for the arrest of two
other men believed to be on their
way to the Holy Land.
The charges are based on the
seizure, on Jan. 3, for 30 crates
of TNT fitted with the United
States Customs as containing
"used industrial machinery and
parts."
The arrested men were charged
with violation of the United
States code in giving false state-
ments regarding exports.—Reu-
ter.

Crosby To Make Film In Britain

SOUTHAMPTON, JAN. 15.
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picture and he will be the only
non-British actor in the cast.

This news was given today
by film director Wesley Ruggles
who arrived here in the Queen
Elizabeth from New York.

Film star Pauline Goddard
who also arrived today in the
Queen Elizabeth with her hus-
band Burgess Meredith, plans
to distribute to needy British
children about five tons of food
parcels are reaching Britain
at the rate of 10,000 weekly.

Miss Goddard proposed to
visit France and Italy before
returning to America.

Burgess Meredith will work
in a British film "A Yank Re-
turns to Britain."—Reuter.

TRAIN CRASH

Quebec City, Jan. 15.
Five were killed when a
west-bound train on the Transcon-
tinental line crashed into each other
about 400 kilometres northwest of
Quebec City early today.—Reuter.

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Skippers 'Making Small Fortunes'

San Francisco, Jan. 16.

A Maritime Union official today charged that mas-
ters and pursers of American merchant vessels
were making "small fortunes" in foreign black
market transactions.

The charge was made before
a U.S. Maritime Commission
examiner by Vincent J. Malone,
President of the Marine Fire-
men's Union, in the course of a
hearing on wage scales for
Government subsidised ships.

"It is the greatest racket on
the seven seas today," Malone
told hearing officer G. O. Bas-
ham, and urged that the alleged
practice be stopped. The
"racket," Malone said, involves
ship payroll money.

The method, he said, was to
pay men in the currency of the
foreign port by exchanging the
ship's U.S. dollars in the money
black market. The men, how-
ever, are paid at the official ex-
change rate—always consider-
ably less than the black market

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King Was Murdered

BANGKOK, JAN. 16.

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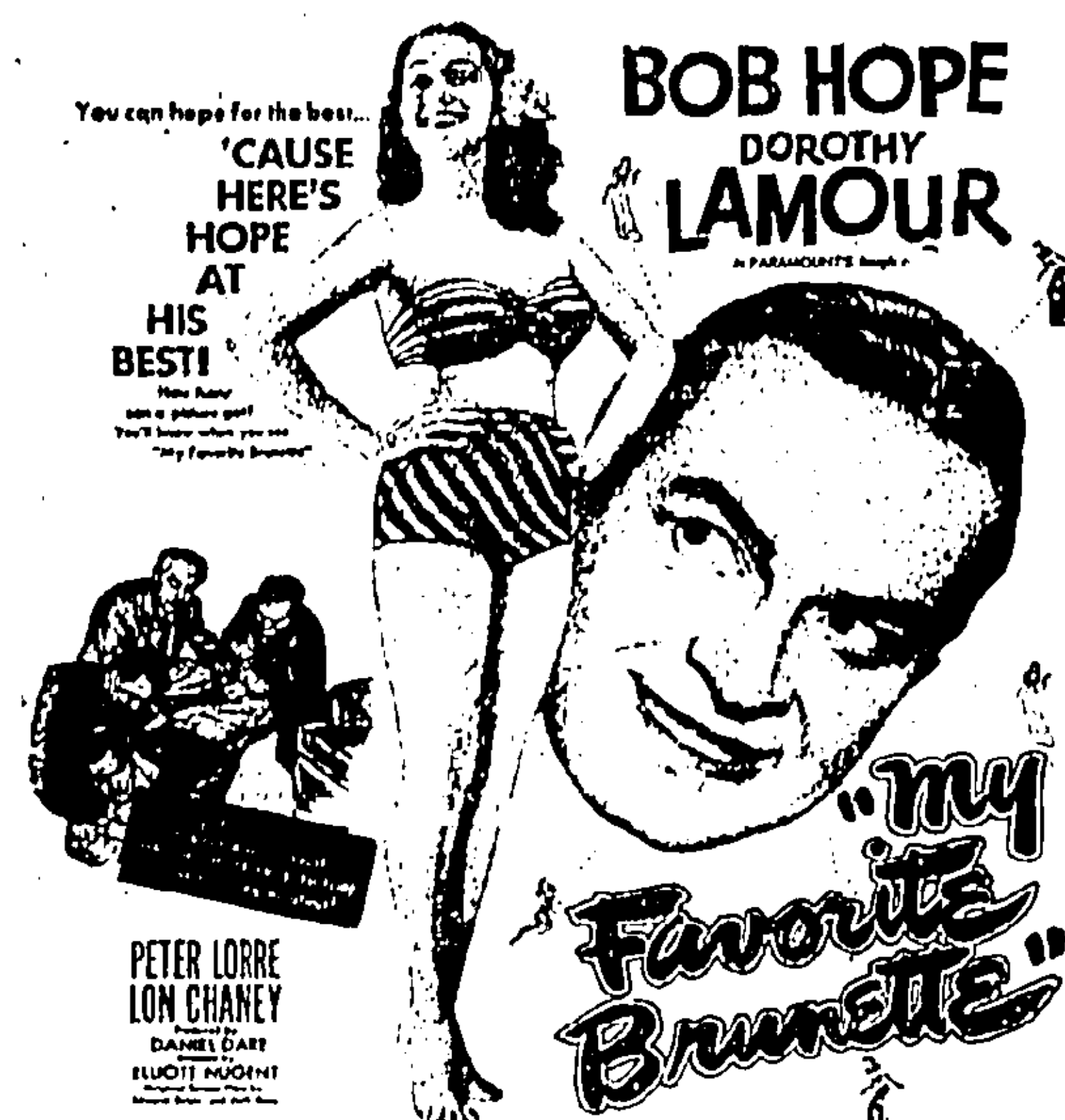
It said the gun had been
the body of the King in the
Royal Palace was not the way
in which he was shot.

Police will investigate de-
tails of all suspected prin-
ciples. Police announced that
the King of Siam had been
murdered.—Associated Press



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INDIA MAKES COMPLAINT Lengthy Document Presented To U.N. Sister Dominion Accused

Lake Success, Jan. 15.
After hearing a 6,000-word complaint from India that her neighbour Dominion of Pakistan was at no time willing to do anything to stop the raiders of Kashmir State from using Pakistan territory, the United Nations Security Council adjourned further consideration of the dispute until tomorrow at the request of Sir Zafrullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister.
In making his request for an adjournment of the debate, Sir Zafrullah said the picture did not appear to him "in the same colours" as the Indian spokesman had painted.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Indian Minister without Portfolio, complained that Pakistan's unwillingness to disassociate itself "openly and categorically" from the tribesmen who had invaded the State three months ago was the reason no agreement had been reached.
When the President of the Council, M. Fernand Van Langenhove, opened the debate, he invited Mr. Ayyangar and Sir Zafrullah to take their places at the semi-circular Council table and announced that he would give the floor successively to India and Pakistan.

The Ukraine was represented for the first time at the Council table by M. Maslits Tarashenko and Britain's seat was occupied by Mr. Philip Noel-Baker. The press gallery was well filled.

Grave Matter

The delegation sat at each end of the Council's horseshoe table when Mr. Ayyangar began his 6,000-word speech.
Mr. Ayyangar began his address in slow but deliberate tones reading from the 27-page manuscript. Occasionally he would look up as if to emphasise a point.

Most of the Council members had been provided with a copy of his speech and a number were seen making marginal notes while Mr. Ayyangar presented India's case.

Sir Zafrullah did not wear the headphones which were provided for him but he carefully followed the speech in the manuscript.
The whole atmosphere in the Council Chamber was one of sober realism, giving the impression to onlookers that all concerned were fully conscious of the grave responsibility devolving on the United Nations.

Adjourned

M. Van Langenhove said, after the Indian statement had been made, that the Pakistan Foreign Minister had asked delay before replying and it was therefore legitimate to accede to his request.

He would therefore propose to adjourn until 7.30 GMT tomorrow.
Sir Zafrullah Khan stated: "I have every desire to conform to the wishes of the Council in all respects, more particularly with regard to procedure and the time table which the Council might wish to adopt in dealing with the matter."

After further discussion, in which Mr. Noel-Baker, the United Kingdom delegate, and Mr. Warren Austin, the United States member, joined, the President then adjourned the session until 7.30 GMT tomorrow.—Reuter.

16 Nations Not To Meet

London, Jan. 15.
A Foreign Office spokesman said today there was no question of convening a further Paris conference of the 16 nations on the Marshall Aid Plan at a time which would cause embarrassment to the United States Administration.
He was commenting on the statement made in Washington last night by Mr. Robert Lovett, Assistant Secretary of State, that a further Paris conference before the end of the debate on the Marshall Plan, in Congress would be inappropriate.
Any invitations sent by Britain and France to the other 14 European governments as a result of current Anglo-French discussions is consequently expected to leave the date open.—Reuter.

WORCESTER THREATENED

Worcester, Jan. 16.
The flood threat to Worcester was intensified today as the River Severn rose again after being stationary throughout the night.
This morning the river was more than 14 feet above the normal level and several streets in the city were sealed off and traffic diverted.
Householders whose homes were flooded were evacuated.—Reuter.

Richard Really Jurgin

PORTSMOUTH, JAN. 15.
A REPORT IS BEING MADE TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH CONCERNING AN 11-YEAR-OLD GERMAN BOY WHO LANDED IN BRITAIN LAST MARCH FROM THE CONTINENT GIVING HIS NAME AS RICHARD LAWRENCE AND SAYING HE WAS ENGLISH. HE NOW ADMITS HE IS JURGEN KUHIL OF BERLIN.

When he was brought to England by the military police, Jurgen, who wore American battle dress and campaign medals, told the authorities that when he was eight years old he was adopted as a mascot by an American unit in England and went with them to the Continent and stayed throughout the fighting. He left them only when they were due to return to the United States.

He now told a German doctor at Portsmouth Hospital, where he is under treatment, that he became the unit's mascot in Berlin. The police then got in touch with the central commission in Germany who went into the matter in Berlin.—Reuter.

BLOMBERG SCANDAL REVIVED

HAMBURG, JAN. 16.
COUNSEL FOR FRAU EVA VON BLOMBERG, WIDOW OF THE FORMER GERMAN WAR MINISTER, ADMITTED BEFORE A HAMBURG CIVIL COURT TODAY THAT HIS CLIENT WAS ONCE CAUGHT BY A POLICE RAID IN A SMALL BERLIN HOTEL BEFORE SHE WAS MARRIED.

She had to submit to a medical examination, counsel said, but that was insufficient grounds for allegations that she was a professional prostitute.

Frau von Blomberg is suing for an injunction against publication in Germany of Hans Giese's book "To The Bitter End" in which he alleged that von Blomberg was dismissed by Hitler in 1938 following the disclosure that the War Office typist he married was a registered prostitute.

Defence counsel said he would call the author to testify he saw Frau von Blomberg's police record in which it was stated she was a well known prostitute and she had sold pornographic pictures of herself.
Counsel for the plaintiff denounced the police report as a fake and said the action had been brought to clear his client's reputation.

Frau von Blomberg was not in court. The hearing was adjourned for a week.—Associated Press.

COMMUNIST PLOT TO PARALYSE RUHR

Duesseldorf, Jan. 15.
British officials in the Ruhr were today awaiting instructions from Berlin before taking action on an alleged "Communist plot" to paralyse Western German industry by a general strike, reported by the French-licensed paper Der Kurier in Berlin yesterday.

Local British circles regarded the "protocol" detailing the plot as genuine but suggested that it might be an old plan that already had been outrun by events.
The sharpening of the food crisis so early in the winter, they said, had forced the Communists in the Ruhr to go into action before they were ready.
A spokesman of the Foreign Office in London said that reports from the British authorities in Germany had led the Foreign Office to believe that the document was genuine, but final judgment could not be passed until the protocol had been received in London.
The spokesman confirmed that the British authorities in Germany knew of the existence of the protocol before its publication in the Berlin paper).

Code Names?

The various "Communist" names in the "plot" document are unknown in the Ruhr, and it was thought likely that if they were genuine, they were either code names or the names of organisers who were to be sent into the Ruhr from other areas.

Over 24,000 German steel and chemical workers in the Ruhr town of Overhausen signed a 12-hour "hunger" strike today as German Trade Union leaders presented proposals to overcome the present food crisis to a meeting in Disseldorf of the Food Ministers from all provinces of the Anglo-American zones.
Workers in the industrial town of Bochum, except the miners, stopped work for two hours in protest against the food rationing.
Normal Ruhr daily rations are five slices of bread and two spoonfuls of macaroni.—Reuter.

BRITISH ARMS TO NEAR EAST

London, Jan. 16.
Britain will continue to fulfil her contracts to sell arms and military equipment to certain Arab states despite their threat to march against Palestine after the British mandate ends, a Foreign Office spokesman said.
He said that in the cases of Iraq, Egypt and Transjordan, equipment is sold under specific clauses.—Associated Press.

No U.S. Troops For Palestine--Truman

Washington, Jan. 16.
President Truman said flatly today that he does not contemplate sending any American troops to Palestine.

He had not thought of such action, he told a news conference when a reporter asked a direct question.
Some time in the future, Mr. Truman added, the United Nations probably will have an international peace force for use in enforcing United Nations mandates.
He declined comment when asked about the reopening of an American air base in Tripoli.

The question of troops going to Palestine has come in for speculation as a result of the growing clashes between Jews and Arabs there.
At the State Department it was learned that American diplomats abroad have been advised that the United States policy is to leave to the United Nations the problem of enforcing the partition of Palestine.—Associated Press.

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DEATH

MOIR, Archibald Black, on 13th January, 1948 at Ryde, Isle of Wight.

THE CHALLENGE

Events in Greece should be brought before the United Nations without delay. The force which attacked Koniza invaded Greece across the Albanian frontier. When it was defeated, it returned into Albania, where it had at its disposal dumps and hospitals and all the essentials of a military base. The Greeks could not follow it there, short of starting a formal war.

Bringing the episode before the United Nations, will not in itself settle anything. A United Nations Commission appointed to investigate similar cases on the spot has already been sabotaged and largely disabled by Russia and her satellites. Albania is already not an ordinary but a very special offender. Early last year occurred the mining of the two British destroyers in the Corfu channel. It was proved conclusively that the mines were laid from the Albanian shore, from which also the destroyers were fired on by machine-guns. Yet the guilty State escaped penalty because Russia used her veto to stop the proceedings. She will no doubt use it again. The question is whether the democratic Powers will again acquiesce, or whether they will realise that in the kind of game which totalitarian aggressors play he who acquiesces may be lost.

Totalitarian attack in the 'forties repeats pretty closely the techniques which it employed in the thirties. What Mussolini did then, the Soviet does now; and up to a point the ineffectiveness of democratic resistance completes the parallel.

Now as then the democratic Governments are restrained by the instinctive pacifism of their free peoples.

Now as then they are pledged not to act for themselves in the first instance, but to have recourse to the international body.

Now as then, therefore, the decisive question is not whether the international machinery will succeed, but what the democratic Powers will do when in due course it fails. Will they, as in the thirties, stand by and allow the totalitarians to snap their fingers at it and then?

Or will they accept the challenge and nip aggression at the only stage where it can be nipped—that is, in the bud? Now as then they will be embarrassed at home by an unthinking alarm, duly fostered by their opponents, that they are inviting another world war.

Now as then, if they yield to this embarrassment, they will in fact be allowing aggression to grow from weakness into strength and to build up a position which will render a new war inevitable.

The technique of puppet Governments and the technique of waging a war of conquest by staging "civil" strife within the victim country—these are now so fully demonstrated that they ought not for a moment to be taken in by either of them. The puppet Governments which Russia has forced on Poland, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria have been possible only because explicit undertakings given to the United States and Great Britain, that there should be free elections in those countries, have been flatly and publicly broken, and the Western Powers have sat still under the injury and been content with ineffectual protests.

The speeding-up of all these tendencies during the past half-year is no doubt associated with the working of the Cominform. Just as there has been a reversion to the Cominform, so the Marshall Plan, so the Marshall Plan

THE TRAGEDY OF CHINA'S CIVIL WAR

By John Roderick

One of the grim by-products of China's civil war is a despair among her suffering millions as black. It is driving whole families to prefer death's certain relief to the hard uncertainties of life.

The magnitude of the misery and pain which the silent poor are undergoing daily as the fighting continues, is one which can never be wholly told.

But the tell-tale signs are everywhere. It is apparent in the pinched faces of refugees who crowd relief soup kitchens for meagre daily handouts which barely keep them alive.

It is evident in the shuffling gait of the old and the halt starved who plod listlessly along the crowded streets, weak because they have not eaten in days.

It stares at the passer-by from the round, burning eyes of grimy children methodically raking rubbish heaps with their fingers, hopelessly scratching

for left-overs which can be converted into the means to buy a mouthful of rice.

It takes the form of shapeless men and women huddled in chilly doorways, chattering against the darkness, which chills the bone. Some of these homeless never awaken.

Face of Suffering

Reports are beginning to come in from all over China of fathers of families, unable to provide for their wives and children, taking their lives rather than continue helplessly looking into the mute face of suffering.

Some of the dramatic yet disheartening quality of China's poor is pictured in a recent letter received here from the wife of a Presbyterian missionary, Mrs. W. C. McLaughlin, at Hailow, in Northern Kiangsu.

She writes: "This has been a cold, rainy day and now it is snowing hard."

One sad tale after another came to me until I could not stand it any longer, so I just emptied the trunk (a small trunk of clothing sent by a friend at home), shedding some tears, and asked God to fill the trunk again. Today three small boxes have come from home which is about as much as filled the trunk before.

Distressing Stories

"Yesterday a woman fell down on the ground to me as I went to Church and, again when I came home at the Hospital gate. Another followed me with a baby in her arms, and said that her husband had been sick for a month and could not work and so he was going to hang himself. One man hanged himself not far from the north compound a few nights ago. This was one of those who could not be taken on in the work relief programme and he had not anything to eat for three days, so he just hanged himself.

"The Hospital Bible woman brought in a little girl three years old, with a blind mother and father, all with the thinnest clothes. Another came in to tell of a man on the street dressed in his wife's clothes, trying to find something to do, while she stayed at home shivering. Another reported a mother of two little children dying with cold, with no cover but a thin sack and this, was all the cover she had in the house.

Much Worse

"The situation is getting much worse, and we are afraid that the Hailow people are getting restless and there is danger of their starting to loot. Some looting has been done already in the railroad station. This was of grain belonging to merchants.

"A driving north wind all day yesterday, no sun, the ground frozen hard, with ice and snow all around, makes the people unhappy and threats of riots and looting grow more pronounced. Numbers of people are hanging themselves—several very nearby. The severe weather has interfered with the work relief programme, so it is only direct relief that is being done today. There are many who will not be here when the weather clears unless they are given help now.

"A man came running to me just now with a face as red as fire from cold, very thin, with only thin Chinese slippers on his feet; shivering all over. "C," he said, as he burst into tears, "O, Mrs. Ming, I am so hungry and nearly frozen."

"Our hospital doctor, who is not at all demonstrative, just stood there in the rear and let the tears run down his cheeks. We are desperate in the face of such a situation."—Associated Press.

Japanese Smuggling In China

SHANGHAI, JAN. 16. JAPANESE TRAWLERS ARE ENGAGED IN LARGE SCALE SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES ALONG THE CHINA COAST, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, QUOTING LOCAL FISHERY CIRCLES.

Under cover of fishing, these Japanese trawlers have been repeatedly sighted unloading quantities of various kinds into Chinese vessels off Wosung, mouth of Shanghai Harbour, these circles alleged.

Chinese fishing vessels "and themselves powerless to interfere with their illicit activity," they come across the Japanese trawlers because they are armed, the report said.

These trawlers are also alleged to carry wireless equipment.—Reuter.

EX-ENVOY DEAD

Raleigh, N.C., Jan. 15. Joseph Daniels, former Secretary of Navy and one-time Ambassador to Mexico, died today, aged 85. He had been ill since Jan. 4.—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
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SAME BASIC MEANINGS

Your partner's high card on a trick whose winning is not influenced by his play, usually has same basic meaning against a suit and a No Trump contract. It shows he has something desirable in the suit, or in connection with it. But what that something is can be widely different under the two kinds of contracts. With a suit contract, he usually is advertising either one or more high cards in the suit, or else the fact that he is short in it, and would like to ruff a lead of it. With a No Trump contract, he may be showing length in the suit without any really high cards.

S. Q. J. 5.3
H. A. 7.4.2
D. 9
C. A. 10.9.5

(Dealer: North, East-West vulnerable)
North South
A C Pass 1 D Pass
1 D Pass 1 NT Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
On the table 4 cards
The dummy's hand is
South leads with the A. A. Amended
his partner's high signal. With the
trump the declarer has a chance of
the resource to the declarer.

won that with the A, scored the diamond A and K, then led the heart 3 to the 10 and A. West scored his spade Q and J, but then the show was over. He had no spade to lead to take two remainders, nor even a diamond.

As soon as West saw his partner's 3 on the opening spade lead, he should have decided East had more cards of the suit than he, at least five and possibly six. When he got the lead again, he should have re-turned the Q and J. South let the win he should have first along the J. By so doing he would have retained his 3 to lead later to East's hand. That would have resulted in a two-trick set of the contract.

This was a clear-cut example of a defender using a high card, during a suit, even though he had no very high card in it.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. A. 3
H. J. 2.6.4
D. A. K. 5.3
C. Q. J. 8

(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable)
The declarer has a chance of the resource to the declarer.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"In your report to the Military Affairs committee, gentlemen, please say this department is alerted and ready for any emergency—these are blank forms in triplicate!"

Background To A Crisis

I have been challenged to explain the reasons for Britain's economic crisis in one brief article—without using figures or text book phrases. So here goes. The industrial revolution began in Britain for a variety of reasons. For one thing, the first main inventions in machinery and factory technique were made by her people. For another, they had ample resources of the fuel on which factories depend and as Britain is a small island, the coalfields were accessible to the ports, and it was easy to open

By
FRANK TILSLEY

well-known British novelist; author of "Pleasure Beach", "Jim Comes Home", "What's In It For Walter", etc.

up communications between coalmine, factory and ship. Her shipping was already experienced in travelling about the world, and well-suited to exporting the new machine-made goods all over the seven seas.

When the industrialisation of Britain began, at the beginning of last century, she was largely self-supporting community. Her exports were small, and paid for her imports, but by and large almost everything the people of Britain used, and the food they ate, were produced in their own islands. As industrialisation proceeded, however, Britain had to import enormous quantities of raw materials from abroad—raw cotton, for instance, and iron ore. It was easy and convenient to do this because whatever the price Britain paid for, say a ton of iron ore, she was able to sell the goods she made with that iron at a price which covered the cost and made a handsome profit as well.

The world wanted manufactured goods and was prepared to pay a good price for them. In other words, because manufactured goods were scarce abroad, primary products—raw materials and food—paid Britain to buy the primary products and sell the manufactured goods.

This, of course, affected her own primary products, in particular food. A man could produce more profitably by working a machine in a factory than by working in the fields; therefore workers were able to leave the land and the factories and agriculture declined. Because of this transfer of workers from agriculture to industry Britain soon ceased to be self-supporting. She increased in prosperity but depended for food and raw materials on purchases from countries overseas.

Food From Overseas

This dependence on imports was increased by the fact that in the highly industrialised 18th century, the population began to increase. This occurred to such an extent that by the end of the century twice as many people were living in Britain as at the beginning of the century—and this was about twice as many people as her own agriculture could feed.

This was not thought to be a dangerous position, because the country was so wealthy. Not all the profits were spent on consumption. An enormous proportion of them still existed in the form of capital wealth—railways, buildings, plant, etc. at home, and as investments overseas, which enabled other countries to have railways, buildings, plant, etc. Such overseas investments led to the purchase by the countries in which they were made of all the goods—like cotton—manufactured by Britain's factories, and competition against British products as the other countries became industrialised.

By 1914 Britain had reached the peak of her industrial superiority. Indeed, many economists hold that in many ways industrial initiative was already passed to the more recently industrialised countries of Germany and America. As a result of the war the industries of Germany declined, but the industries of America prospered. With a home market three times the size of Britain's home market, America was able to mass produce on a scale impossible in Britain. Particularly in the newer industries such as films, automobiles, aircraft, America forged ahead.

Need For Greater Production

Britain was partly shielded from the effect of competition—both from Japan and other countries, as well as America—by the still dominant position of the pound sterling. The pound signalled gloved red: the country was importing more than she exported. Britain, with a population twice as numerous as America, was no longer paying for imports out of current production, even though prices levels were still in her favour, and manufactured goods continued to be more valuable than primary products. She was subsidising the deficit out of her past profits.

World War II brought an end to this. Britain sold or pledged the most important part of her overseas assets: contracted war materials she could not pay for on the spot, and cut down her exports by seven-tenths to release workers for munitions and for the Armed Forces. She refrained from re-equipping and modernising her factories, and maintained much machinery which by current standards was obsolete. She lost enormous quantities of equipment, plant, and buildings through bombing.

Now in the postwar world her past wealth, expended, destroyed, or pledged, she has to pay for all her imports with her exports, and she must have imports because she cannot be self-supporting. In order to live at the 1938 standard she has to export one and three-quarter times her 1938 volume of exports. This means much greater production by a working population which now has millions of better workers, and better wages than the 1938 standard. And with these exports she has to buy raw materials and food (primary products) which are now more valuable than manufactured goods: the price levels are now against her. That is the situation Britain is now facing, with such determination.

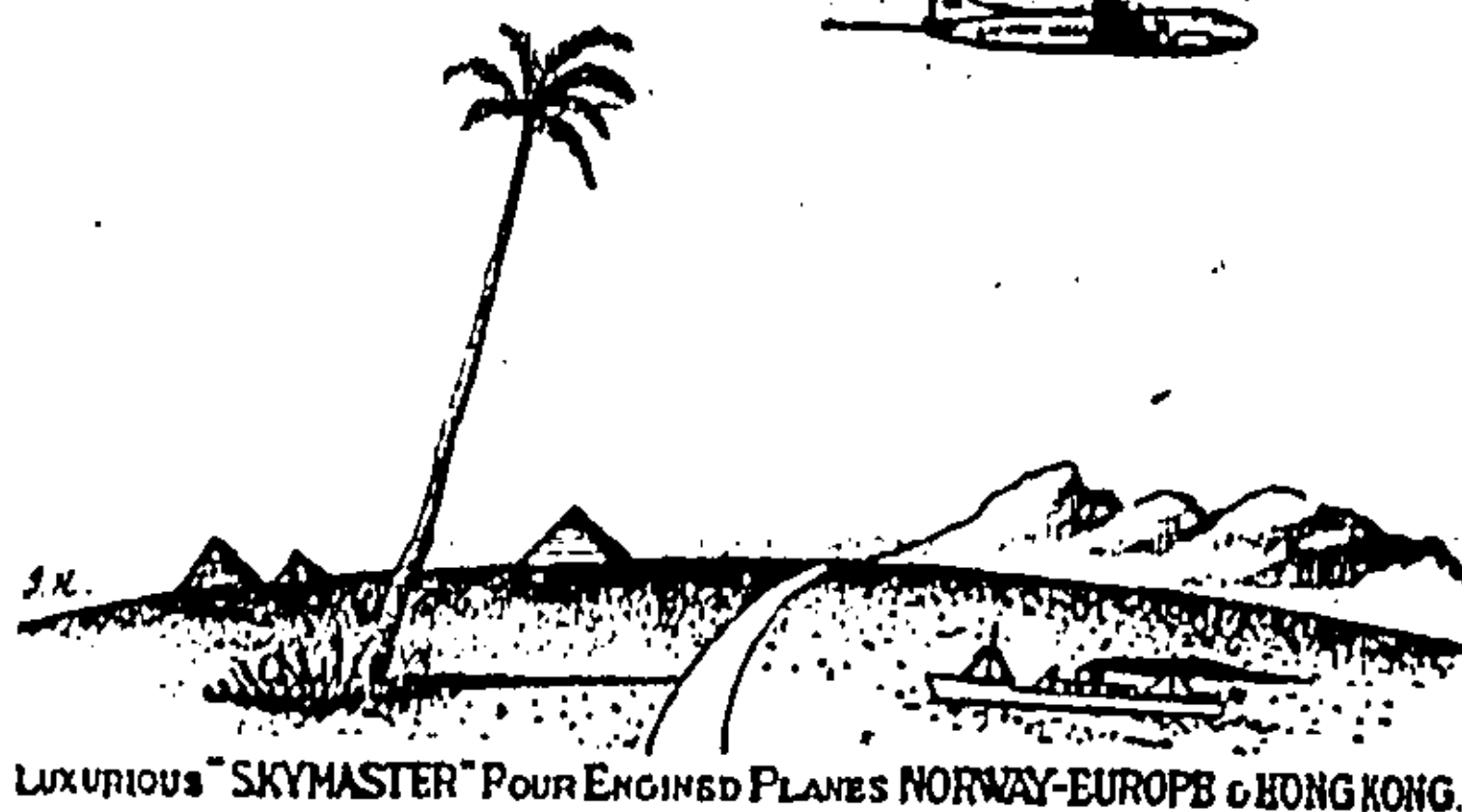
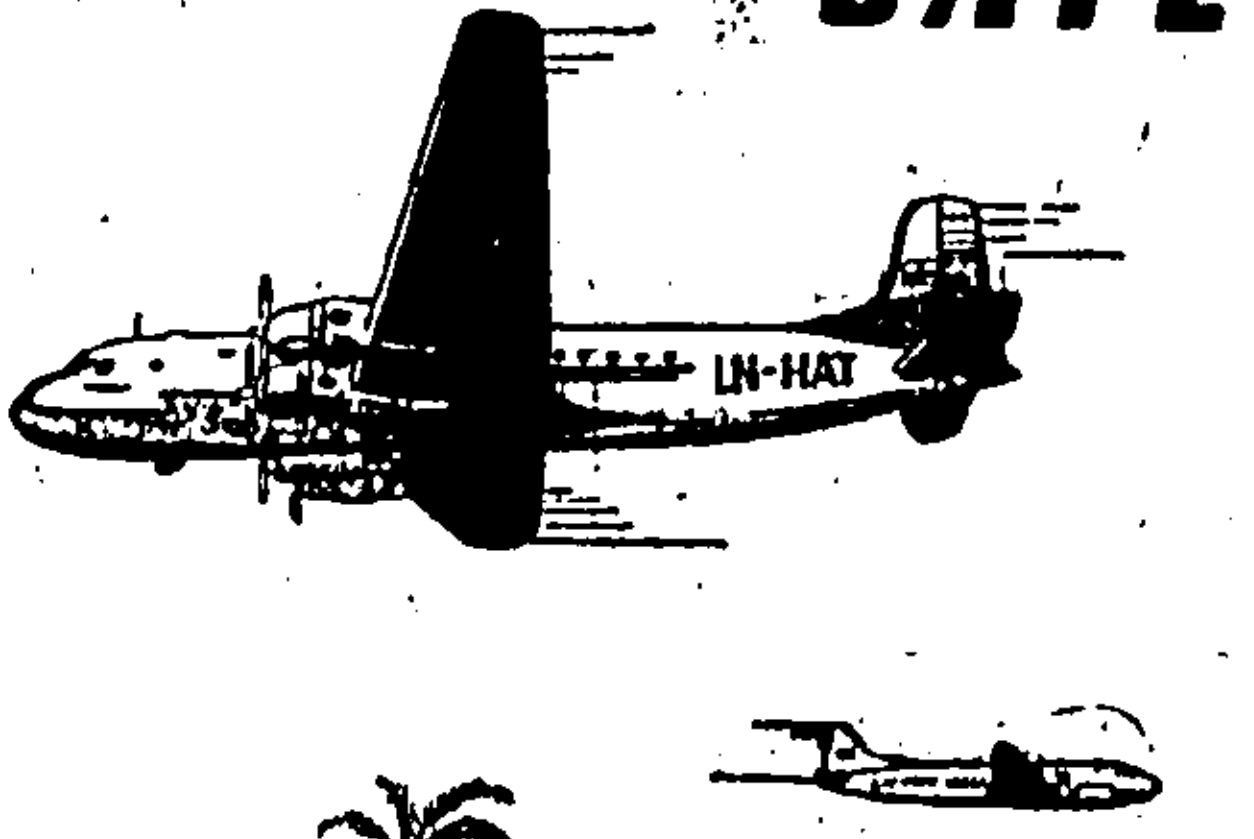
The Choice Before America

Washington, Jan. 16.—Mr. Kenneth Ryal, Secretary of the Army, testifies on the Marshall Plan legislation before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today that America was faced with the prospect of helping restore Western Europe's economy, or with a situation which would call for even larger sums for a larger scale army.

It was certain, he said, that if the situation in Western Europe were not stabilised by peaceful means, then an army would have to be raised by the reintroduction of compulsory military service. Although voluntary enlistments in the United States Army were at its highest point in history, he said, the nation was "not yet at the point where it could meet the needs of a potential situation."

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Forrestal's Warning On Marshall Plan

A Tribute To The British People

Washington, Jan. 15. Mr. James Forrestal, Secretary for Defence, said that if the European recovery programme is not enacted the peoples of Western Europe might possibly fall "into a coalition of totalitarian states and we in time would find ourselves isolated in a hostile world."

The Defence Secretary said this would be a threat to the peace of the world and to the very existence of the United States.

Prophets' Successor Dead

CAIRO, JAN. 15. KING YEHIA, 85-YEAR OLD RULER OF YEMEN, HAS DIED, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED IN CAIRO TONIGHT.

A new constitutional Government has been established in Sana, the capital of Yemen, the report added.

The new Government was headed by an elected Imam (King), the reports from Aden added.

The elected Imam was said to be Sayed Abdullah Ibn Ahmed Al Wazir.

He was elected "according to the sacred national charter accepted by the whole nation before the death of King Yehia."

The late King's son, Seif El Hal, Ibrahim, who in December 1946, fled to Aden, was elected President of Majlis Ashura (Parliament), it was also reported.

His distrust of foreigners and dislike of Western civilization segregated the country from the rest of the world and secluded its 3,000,000 inhabitants in virtual isolation in one of the most fertile districts of Arabia.—Reuter.

Persia's Way Out

Teheran, Jan. 15. A spokesman of Persia's government said today that under the new seven year plan, the general outline of which was made public on Monday, Persia would exploit all her oilfields except the 2-2-2 under the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's concession and try to sell the surplus oil to the USSR.

This concession formed only a fraction of the company's oil reserves. The company which the Persian Government will float to run the oilfields will include all experts from Holland, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries.

After satisfying local needs, Persia will try to sell the surplus oil to the Soviet Union. The Persian Parliament refused last October to ratify the 1946 Soviet-Persian oil agreement to set up a joint company to exploit as yet unexplored oil reserves in northern Persia.

The Soviet Government protested in a note that the Persian Government thus treacherously violated its undertakings and must be responsible for any consequences.—Reuter.

Elizabeth New Car

London, Jan. 15. Princess Elizabeth has decided to buy a new car from the £4,000 balance of the wedding gift contributed from the Royal Air Force and the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Writing on the Princess's behalf to Marshal of the Royal Air Force Tedder, the Princess's private secretary says: "This will be a constant reminder to her of the generosity shown by members of the RAF and WAAF on the occasion of her wedding."

The car chosen by the Princess is a 27-horsepower limousine similar to the ones used by members of the Royal Family during their South African tour.

It will be delivered in the first week in February.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO BE SERVED

Washington, Jan. 16. It was learned authoritatively that the United States would serve formal notice on Russia soon that it has no intention of withdrawing from Berlin, regardless of how unpleasant the Russians may make it there.

Also, it will warn that any moves designed to force the Americans to abandon Berlin to the Russians will immediately place the United States in a position of having to consider the possibility of a direct attack on the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

Good Chance

He asked Mr. Forrestal if the "European recovery programme could forestall this or should other means be taken."

The Secretary replied that while he could not give a detailed answer he could confidentially state that the constitutional Government of Italy had a real chance of coming through successfully.

He said that he knew nothing of the reports that Mr. Lodge cited that America is buying obsolete planes for use in Greece.

Asked by Mr. Lodge whether he favoured strengthening the French and Italian armies "at least to delay any coups in these countries," Mr. Forrestal declared that he did so long as the move would not be construed as setting up a cordon sanitaire around any nation.

No Evacuation

Mr. Lodge then asked if France and Italy fell to Government, unfriendly to the United States, "would we have to vacate all our forces from Trieste, Germany and Europe?"

Mr. Forrestal replied: "Nothing will force us out but force. We should not evacuate if such political events occur. Rather we should stay."—Reuter.

He Just Collected Purses

TOKYO, JAN. 16. KOYICHI TUKARAME, 49, IN-VESTED HE WAS NO PICK-POCKET WHEN HE WAS CAUGHT BY POLICE IN A TOKYO UNDERGROUND STATION WITH A BAG CONTAINING 35 EMPTIES.

The homeless scavenger protested: "I am not a pickpocket. I am simply collecting empty purses thrown away by pickpockets who have taken their contents after stealing the purses from other people."

"There are several others doing the same thing. If we collect five empty purses daily, it gives us sufficient returns to make a living."

The police, doubting the new occupation is legal, detained him after reprimanding him for "stealing lost and found articles" and "misuse of stolen goods."—United Press.

STOLE FROM GERMANS

The large Jan. 16. The Dutch authorities have called from Germany and arrested 12 members of the Dutch war crimes commission charged with stealing German property from the Dutch during the war.

Jet Fighters' Flight

Washington, Jan. 15. Eight jet-propelled Army fighter planes made a 970-mile non-stop flight from Miami to Washington today in two hours and 15 minutes.

The flight was described by the Air Force as a squadron of 15 F-56 fighters under the command of Lt. Col. Nathan H. Abbott.—Associated Press.

COMMUNISTS IN BURMA

Rangoon, Jan. 16. The Chinese Consul-General, S. C. Hsu, said today that Chinese Communist elements had infiltrated Burma in an effort to disrupt friendly relations between the Burmese and Chinese Governments.

He said the Communists were sponsored by the newly-organized Burman branch of the "China Democratic League" for the single motive of working against the Chinese Government.—Associated Press.

Fear Of Palestine Collapse

LONDON, JAN. 16. THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT HAS RECOMMENDED THAT BRITAIN SURRENDER THE HOLY LAND MANDATE SIX WEEKS EARLIER THAN THE PLANNED DATE OF MAY 15.

British administrators in Jerusalem fear that the whole machine of civil government may collapse completely before May 15 because of continuing Arab and Jewish strife.

They added that half the Palestine Government's 32 departments have already been immobilised for weeks at a time owing to the communal fighting; and that less than one month's supply remained of certain types of fuel essential for transport because of the massacres of Jewish workers at the Haila refineries.—Associated Press.

DR. GARBETT'S FEAR FOR THE HOLY PLACES

New York, Jan. 16. The Archbishop of York, Dr. E. F. Garbett, said today that the streets of Jerusalem "will run with blood" if the city is not placed under international control immediately after withdrawal of British forces.

"He told a special Northern Province convocation of the Church of England that this must be done to safeguard the holy places."

The Archbishop referred to Jewish claims that the never part of Jerusalem would be included in the Jewish state.

"We all have deep sympathy with the Jews," he said, "in the appalling sufferings which fell upon them. We have a horror of anti-Semitism, which is irrational and cowardly, but sympathy with the persecuted Jews and detestation of anti-Semitism must not prevent us from demanding in the most uncompromising terms that both Christians and the holy places shall be adequately protected."

To this end, the Archbishop said, there were three requests which Christians had to make.

"First—that in the Jewish and Arab states there should be complete religious freedom."

"Second—that the whole of Jerusalem, both the ancient and the modern and its immediate environment should be placed under international control. Only by so doing can Christians keep the holy places under secure protection. If the modern city were included in the Jewish state it would be impossible to protect the ancient city."

"Third—we must ask that when Great Britain withdraws, Jerusalem should be placed at once under international control with an international police force for its protection."—Associated Press.

U.S. To Help Chinese Education

Nanking, Jan. 16. Mr. John Melby, a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Educational Foundation in China, revealed details of the Board's latest decision.

He said the Board has decided to bring to China a number of United States professors who had been invited by Chinese universities to grant a number of scholarships to students studying in American universities, colleges and universities and bring to China a number of American students to study in Chinese universities.

Mr. Melby also disclosed that the China educational programme, as provided in the Fulbright Act, is financed by the United States Government totalling US\$20,000,000 to be expended at the rate of US\$1,000,000 per year for cultural and educational purposes.—Reuter-A.P.

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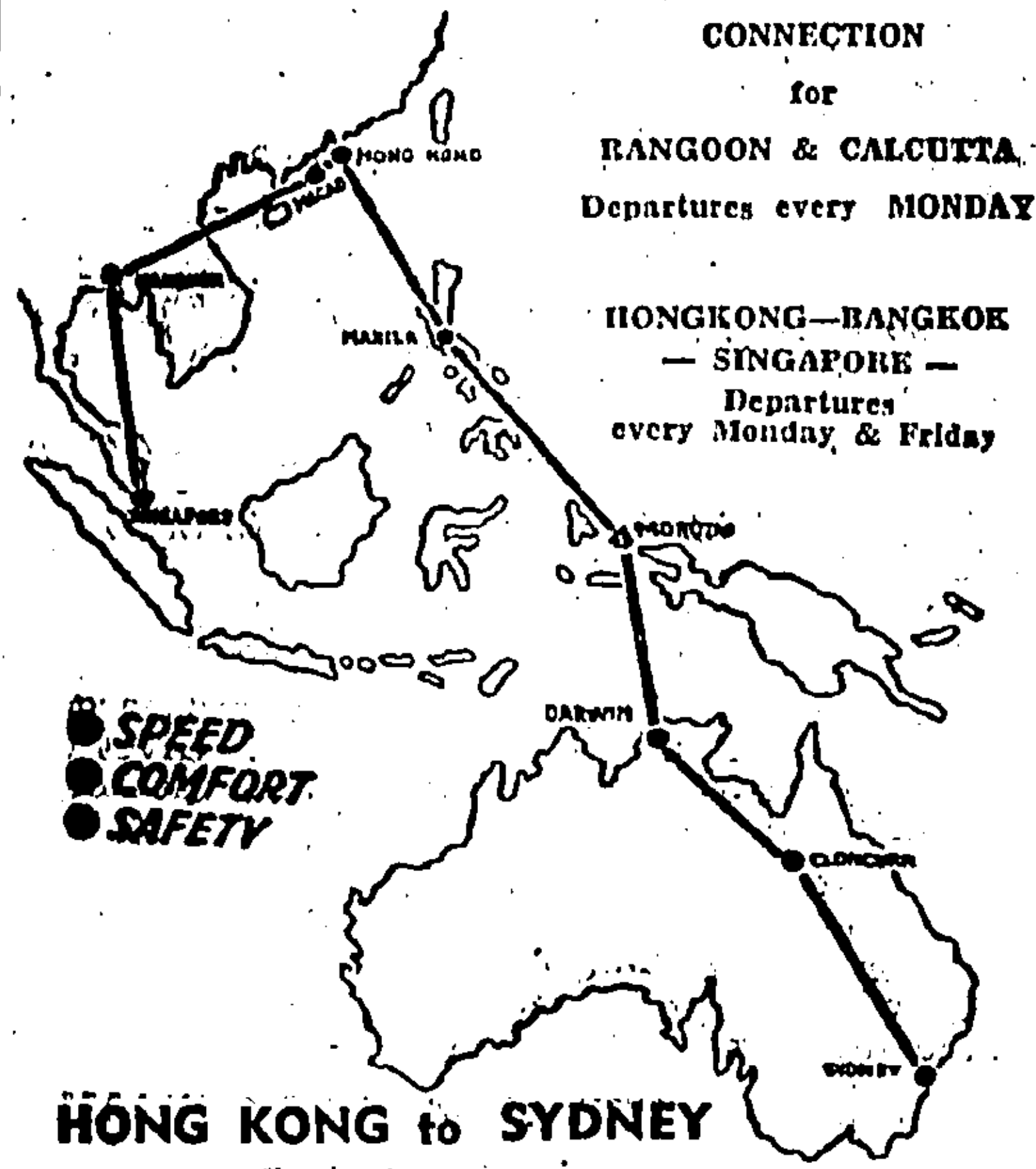
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Hydra-Matic Drive Not A "Stunt"

The first time the average motorist gets behind the wheel of an Oldsmobile fitted with "Hydra-Matic Drive," he is liable to feel momentarily at a loss. There is no gearshift lever and no clutchpedal. This is not an oversight; both have been omitted by General Motors, manufacturers of the Oldsmobile, because they are not necessary.

A 4-forward-speed gearbox is fitted, but changing up and down is entirely automatic. After starting the engine, the driver merely sets a small selector-lever to "Drive." After that it is simply a matter of pressing on the accelerator to go and touching the footbrake to stop. For all normal purposes, therefore, there is nothing for the driver to do but steer the car and use one foot for starting and stopping.

This makes it invaluable in traffic. There is no clutch pushing and no gear-changing to worry about. One hand is, therefore, always free for steering and the other for signalling.

Oldsmobile's "Hydra-Matic Drive" is not a new stunt or untried feature. General Motors claim that it is the first and only fully proved, fully automatic drive. During the War, this drive was widely used in U.S. Army tanks and other combat vehicles where reliability and performance were of paramount importance.

Among the safety advantages claimed for it are a reduction in driving fatigue; the fact that the car is always in gear and yet impossible to stall on a hill and the fact that the drive automatically gives the extra accelerating power of a lower gear when one needs to pass another vehicle quickly or

Solution Found To Major Problem

Engine governing of compression ignition engines has been the subject of considerable attention and development in Britain within the last few years. Such features as accurate speed control, reduced vibration throughout the speed range, and the necessity for lower idling speeds have received particular attention. Improvements have been effected on the widely used centrifugal and pneumatic types but each have certain inherent disadvantages, which preclude them from being ideally suitable to the G.I. engine. The solution to the problem of variable speed governing seems to have been successfully overcome through the development by British engineers of a direct acting—not relay type—hydraulic governor.

The fundamental weakness of the centrifugal type governor when applied to speeds varying over a wide range, arises from the "square" law of the variation of the centrifugal force with speed. Hence, to cover a range of, say, 1/5, a force range of 1/25 is necessary.

This means that either the forces at the bottom end of the speed range are of too small a magnitude to cope effectively with the resistance of the control gear, or that the forces at the top end of the range are far in excess of the requirements.

The weakness of the pneumatic governor is that it is not sufficiently sensitive to slight

hurry out of the path of danger.

It is hoped to carry out a road-test of an Oldsmobile fitted with this drive in the near future. Meanwhile, Mr. A. Richards, of the Triangle Trading Co. (local agents for Oldsmobile and Pontiac) told the "China Mail" yesterday:—

"This is honestly the biggest advance in motoring in the past ten years and is vastly superior to fluid drive or any of the other semi-automatic drives."

variations in engine speed. Resulting from this, a simple mechanical governor is often incorporated in the pneumatic unit to assume control at the top end of the range, thereby securing a snap cut-off.

The governor, described here, can be fitted to the standard fuel pump in the position normally occupied by either the centrifugal or pneumatic types. The design is relatively simple: those of the positive displacement gear pump, hence the power required to operate the governor mechanism is only a fraction of that required to drive the pump.

The engine fuel is the media used for hydraulic operation. It also serves as the lubricant.

Constant Power

perhaps the greatest advantage of such a governor, is that its power is constant throughout the speed range; also, the mechanism, being small, allows light moving parts, hence quickness to response or "liveliness."

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For a given size of orifice, the pressure varies as the square of the engine speed. Increase in speed, therefore, causes an immediate increase in pressure and a corresponding displacement of the plunger, thereby decreasing the supply of fuel to the engine.

Low-Speed Stability

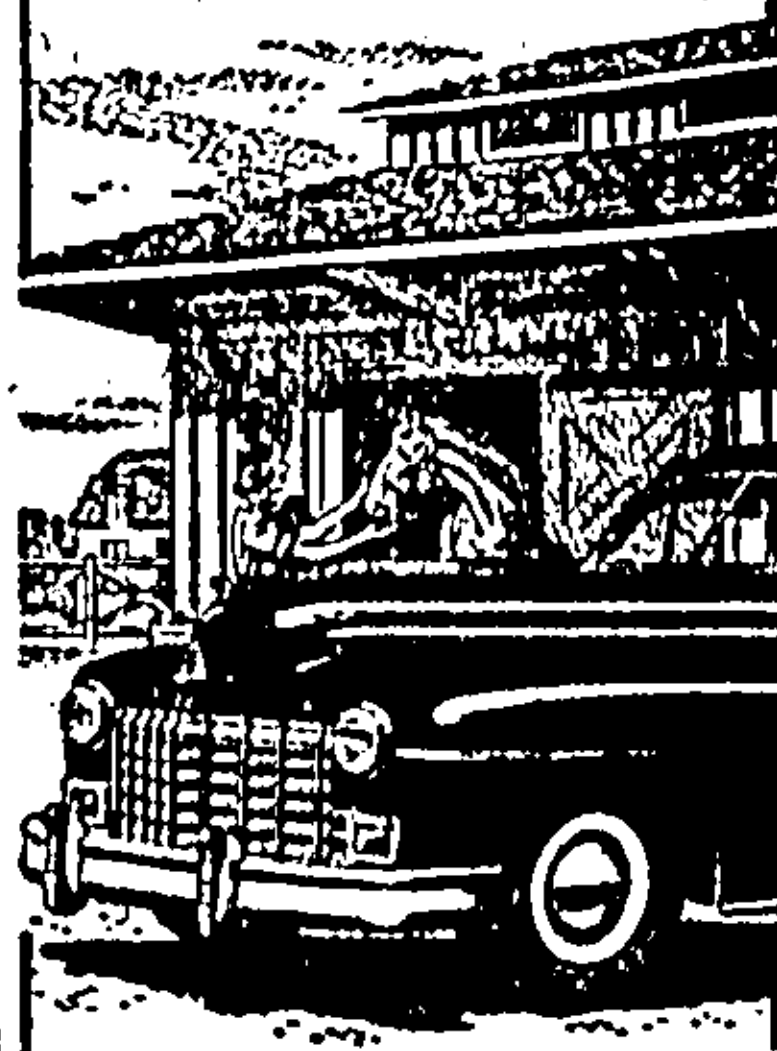
To improve stability at the lower engine speeds and produce a variation in the run-up over the speed range—a feature found necessary during the development—two longitudinal grooves are cut in the plunger communicating with the pressure face. The lengths of the grooves are longer than the plunger travel and two ports drilled in the barrel constitute the restricting orifice.

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It is well known that the average four-stroke C.I. engine, if hot, and the injection is set for a fairly large delivery, is capable of running in the reverse direction.

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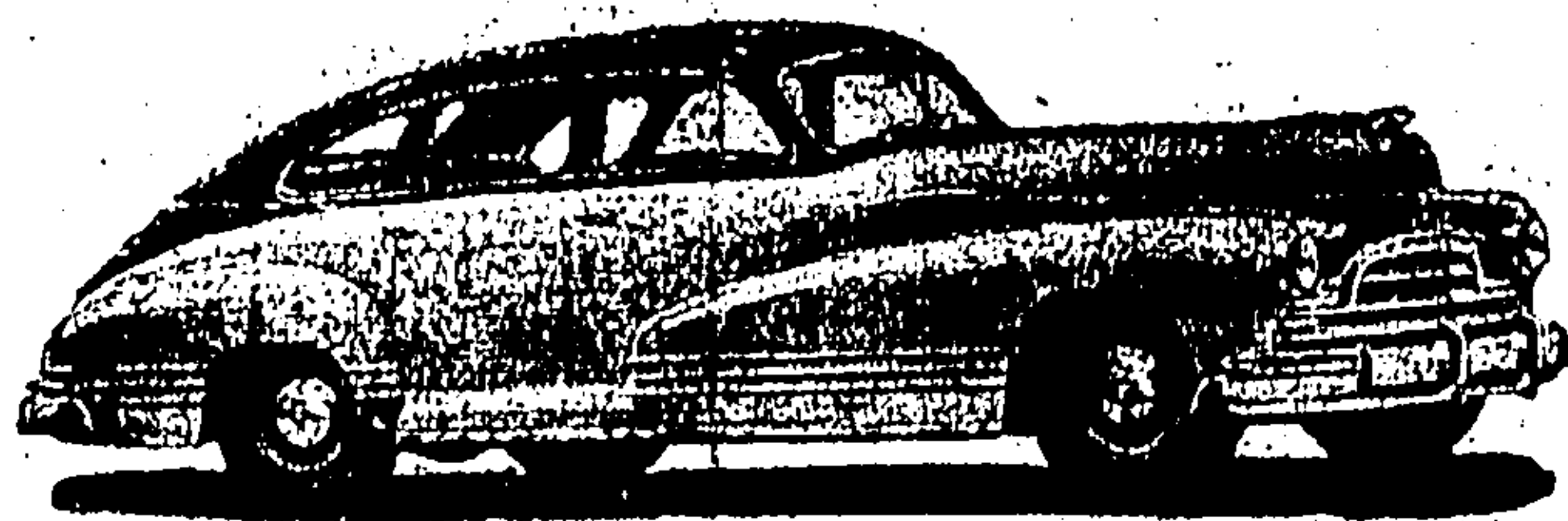
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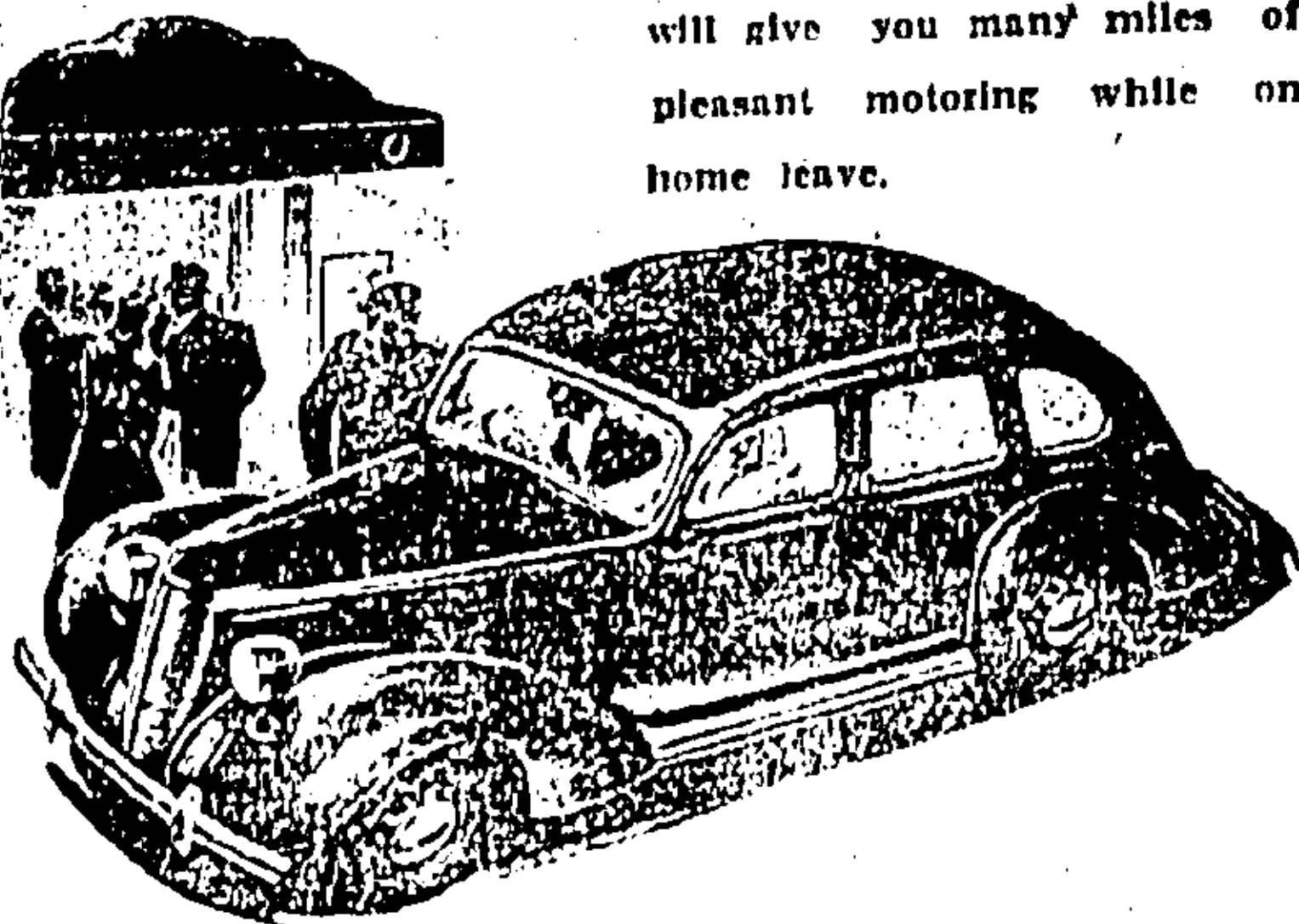
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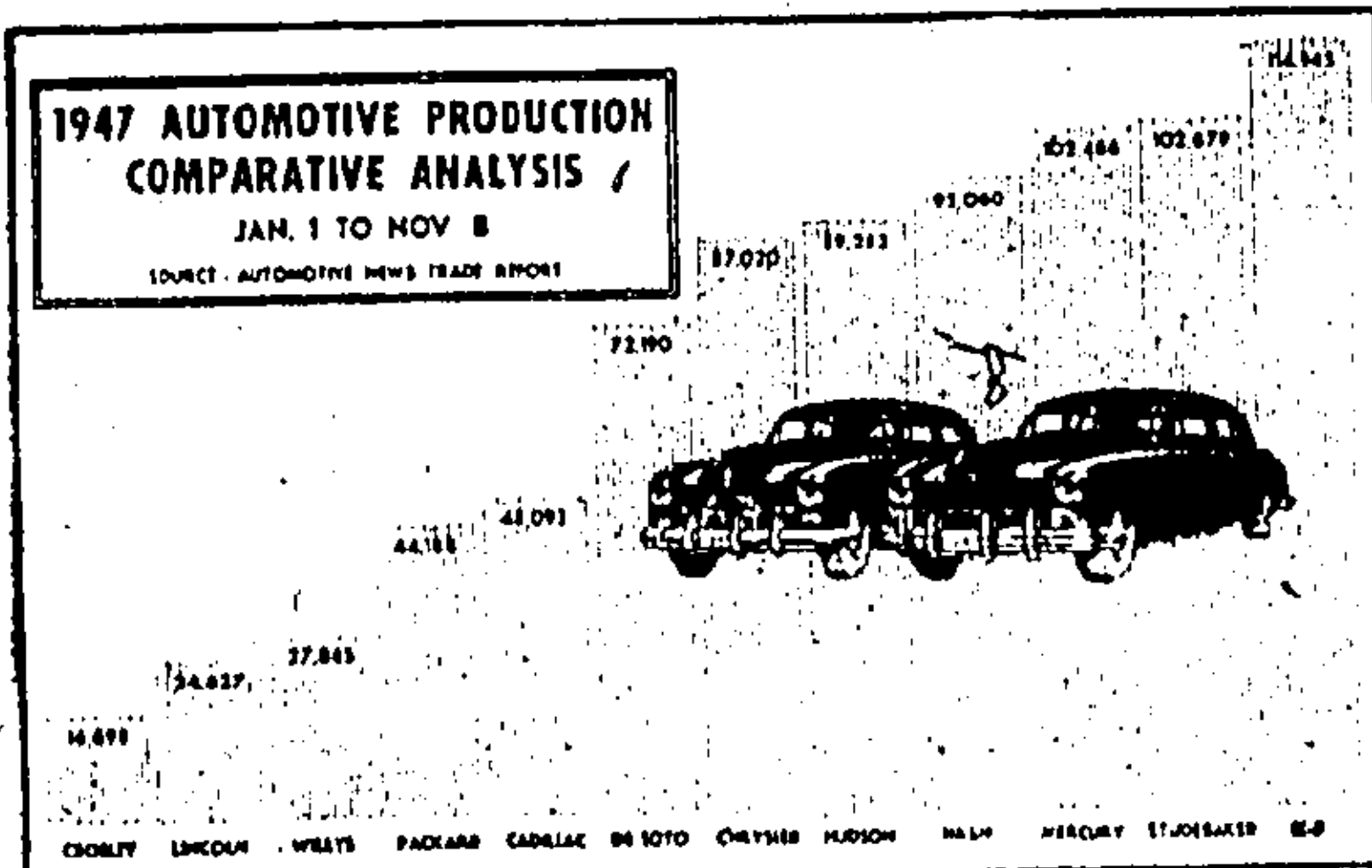
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Spot News From The Factories



SINGER

Singer Motors have announced their first real post-war model, of completely new design with a box-type chassis and independent front suspension. The overhead-camshaft engine will be of 1,400 cc. (1 1/2-litre) and the entirely new body will seat five or six, with adequate luggage space. No price has been announced and the new model will not be available until the autumn. Production of the Singer Nine Roadster will continue.

FORD

Taking advantage of the flat-rate system of taxation which came into effect on January 1st, Ford announced that a larger engine will be standard for the V-8 "Pilot" model. This will be the well-tried 3.5-litre V-8, the extra engine displacement permitting the use of higher gear ratios. The result should be higher performance with only a negligible increase in fuel consumption.

AUSTIN

Austins have announced that the "Sheerline" and "Princess" models are now being built with 4-litre engines instead of the 25 HP engines previously installed. With the smaller engines, these models were known as the "110" and "120," the figures indicating the respective brake-horsepower. The new models will be known as the A-125 "Sheerline" and the A-135 "Princess."

HUDSON

The new model Hudson is reported to have gone into production. The super-six engine is said to develop more power than any other six on the market; the car is said to have more headroom than any other mass-produced automobile; the overall height is only five feet and the centre of gravity is said to be lower than that of any other American car. The rear-seat passengers are not only in front of the back axle—they sit in front of the rear wheels.

STUDEBAKER

The Hamilton, Ontario, factory of the Studebaker Corporation of Canada Limited should be in full production shortly. Delay was experienced in securing some of the necessary equipment.

VOLVO

The Swedish manufacturers of the Volvo car have met to a large extent the shortages in materials and parts by purchase from the United States. At last hearing, production of the Volvo for 1947 was expected to reach 10,000 out of the 24,000 originally scheduled.

BUICK

A new type of automatic transmission which eliminates not only the clutch but all gear-changing (even automatic) is to be introduced on Buick "Roadmaster" models this month. The new system is said to

Chassisless construction of buses has long been recognised as a means of economy through tare weight reduction, and a considerable amount of work has been done in Britain by operators and manufacturers. While a number of chassisless trolleybuses have been at work, especially in London, there has until recently been only one or two specimens of the chassisless engine-driven bus, notable among which is the Birmingham and Midland flat-engined prototype. There are also considerable numbers of trolleybuses and motor buses, particularly in London Transport service, in which a conventional chassis frame carries outriggers on which the body structure is mounted. This method, used in another flat-engined class of vehicle—the Leyland TF type coach of the L.P.T.B.—afforded a convenient half-way house to which design had developed eight years ago.

About that time much thought was devoted to chassisless construction for motor buses by John C. Beadle, Limited, of Spital Street, Dartford, Kent, and although developments were interrupted by the war, a number of arrangements were patented with a view to going into production. Since the middle of 1945, four prototypes have been built and two of these have now covered considerable mileages.

In all these vehicles a successful endeavour has been made to take advantage of the lighter weight obtainable by a combination of eliminating the chassis, with the use of light alloy materials and aircraft methods of construction. So remarkable is the reduction of weight in the passenger accommodation that it has then become possible to shed weight in the mechanical components, by use of smaller and lighter engines, gearboxes, propeller shafts, springing and axles.

This leads to attractive economies in the way of lower fuel consumption and increased tyre life. The buses so far built are single-deckers of 35-seat capacity (arranged to seat only 33 passengers to secure maximum circularity of space), and it is thought that production runs, while costing more than well-known types of mass-produced small buses, will compare favourably with standard 35-seaters on heavy chassis. The prototype vehicles are operating in the service of the Tilling group and in each case include components supplied by the operator from old vehicles. The Beadle buses so far built thus comprise Commer engine parts and Commer petrol engine; Leyland Cub parts with Gardner 4LK diesel engine; Bedford OVB parts and petrol engine; and Dennis Ace units with Gardner 4LK diesel engine.

Construction Beadle Patent

The Commer engine unit has an all-steel body and weighs in all 4 tons 17 cwt; it has been in the service of the Eastern National Omnibus Co., Limited, Chelmsford, Essex, for over thirteen months and has given great satisfaction. The Gardner-engine vehicle, which was the second one built, has operated for the Southern National Omnibus Co., Limited, since August 1; the Bedford unit has recently been delivered to Eastern National and the fourth is in course of completion. By courtesy of Mr. H. G. Hicks, joint managing director of John C. Beadle Limited, a representative of "Motor Transport" magazine was recently enabled to inspect the completed Bedford-fitted unit and the remaining diesel bus while under construction.

A notable feature is the small number of different types or sections of material called for by the Beadle patent construction; the specification schedule for materials is considerably less in length than is usual for

be a development of the principle employed in the transmission used by "Hell Cat" tank destroyers built by Buick during the war.

The window pans sit between the waistline and the roof and are glazed from the outside. All the windows are fixed, but above each is a patented louvre ventilator, the opening or closing of which is by a knob under passenger control. The ventilation is such that condensation does not take place even in unfavourable climatic conditions. There are no corners in the window layout where water can percolate undetected and get up corrosion. The flush outside glazing pans are used also for the indicator boxes; the indicator winding gear is suspended from the roof behind each opening. The passenger door slides on a runner attached to the outer frame member behind the door opening; the doors either side of the driver's cab slide forward on that section of the outer frame member.

A concealed light is placed above each ventilator; three additional centre lights are provided in panels which strengthen the roof structure. The underside of the parcel racks, carrying ventilator and light bulb recess, goes up as a unit. The vehicle has a spacious interior appearance through the extra-wide gangway (1 ft. 6 1/2 in.; standard chair frames are used for the seats, despite the gain in interior width through the method of fabricating the pillars), and by the use of the good vision either forward through the windscreen or to the rear where there are no thick pillars or unglazed panels to obscure the view. Normally, there is no obstruction in the body from a clutch housing.

The shape of the body promotes cleanliness; it is extraordinary how little mud is picked up even on wet days. As will be seen from the illustration, the wheels are well inside the valance and wing structure.

Petrol Performance
The Eastern National Commer, the heaviest of these special Beadle vehicles, has now been running well over a year; typical weekly petrol consumption, varying with the service, are 9.44 m.p.g., 7.82 m.p.g. Many monthly reports emphasise no mechanical trouble after nine

Chassis-Less Buses

schedules for all-metal bodies. The light alloy used is selected for its resistance to corrosion and freedom from heat treatment troubles. The foundation of the construction is four substantial longitudinal 2 in. in depth. At present these are fabricated from light alloy plate and angle, but in production they can be produced by folding or extrusion. While the two inner members run continuously from front to rear of the vehicle, the outer ones run from the front bulkhead (in the conventional place behind the driver) to the rear, and replace the waistrail of conventional construction, they are interrupted by a curve over the wheelarch, and on the nearside by a recess for the steps of the passenger entrance. From the bulkhead forward a smaller section stringer on each side continues the line over the front wheel and carries the outer end of the cab flooring. The outer members taper in towards either end on the last half-section of length.

Diaphragms And Body Rings

There are nine diaphragms of full frame depth, which form cross-bearers. Between the bulkhead and the floor four of these are blanked out for lightness. The top edge of each diaphragm is sandwiched between high-tensile angles and a very stiff structure results, which contributes much to the absence of twisting strains on the roughest roads. The body portion is built up on the understructure, and comprises a bulkhead ring of larger H-section, six standard lighter H-section rings, with a door pillar and greater section on one of them and two identical end frames, making the lines of the vehicle symmetrical. At the rear of the complete vehicle, however, double doors give access to a luggage boot, while at the front end the engine can be detached and withdrawn complete through the space covered by the decorative grille. The remainder of the bulkhead material consists of a W-layout of stiffeners in the standard H-section. The same material is used for the front and rear ends.

The H-section alloy is used also for the waistrail, cantail and roof stiffeners. The junctions of the rails and the pillars is effected by a 7 1/2-in. square 16-gauge plate; this is secured by popriveting. The upper part of the side is strengthened by the luggage rack, carried on special brackets which also form the main tie between the roof and the side pillars. This form of construction avoids a wide pillar, and 4 in. is gained in the body interior width over normal bodies of 7 ft. 6 in. width. It is also very rigid; in fact, a 15-stone man can swing on this structure without imparting any set to it.

To prevent corrosion, chromate primer is used on the structure after the parts have had Deoxidine treatment. Below the windows the structure is reinforced by cross-bracing consisting of a U-tube (half an H-section) of the standard gauge, placed diagonally. At the centre of each panel a vertical column is placed; a tieplate is provided at the junction, felt-covered and popriveted, and this prevents drumming of the panels. The panels are affixed to the main structure by screwing to wooden inserts carried in the H-sections. The waistband mouldings and any other decoration can be pressed into the panels before fixing. Similarly, the roof sheets are pressed to the required curve before assembly. The hinged valance carries the luggage rack and can be lifted if necessary for inspection or in those unfortunate circumstances when someone falls beneath the bus and the luggage rack comes to rest upon them.

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Leisure For Nuffield Directors
Lord Nuffield, "England's Henry Ford," has pared six over-age directors from his 21-company automobile empire and started reorganizing to meet American competition in foreign markets.

The 70-year-old Lord Nuffield, who started his life as a poor boy and built a small bicycle shop into a multi-million dollar automobile organisation, said that six directors were resigning to make room for young blood.

He had a luncheon with the retiring directors and "parting friends."

Lord Nuffield in a statement said: "I remarked how lucky they were to be getting some chance for leisure."

The resignations brought to eight the number of directors who have resigned in the last three weeks. Lord Nuffield said he had "several ideas" for new designs and was sailing on New Year's Eve for Australia to get his plant, there into operation to meet American competition.—United Press.

IN AUSTRALIA
The Rootes Group Australian factory at Melbourne is now well into its stride and both Hillman and Humber models are being assembled there.

An interesting technique has been developed for assembling the Minx, of which the integral construction of chassis and body usually involves a considerable amount of assembly from below.

At the Melbourne factory, however, the car is placed upside down in a pit, thus enabling the work to be carried on from above.

AUSTIN'S NEW PAINT PLANT

A new paint plant costing more than £100,000 has recently been installed at the Austin works at Longbridge to ensure that the post-war cars leave the factory with a better finish than even their gleaming pre-war counterparts possessed.

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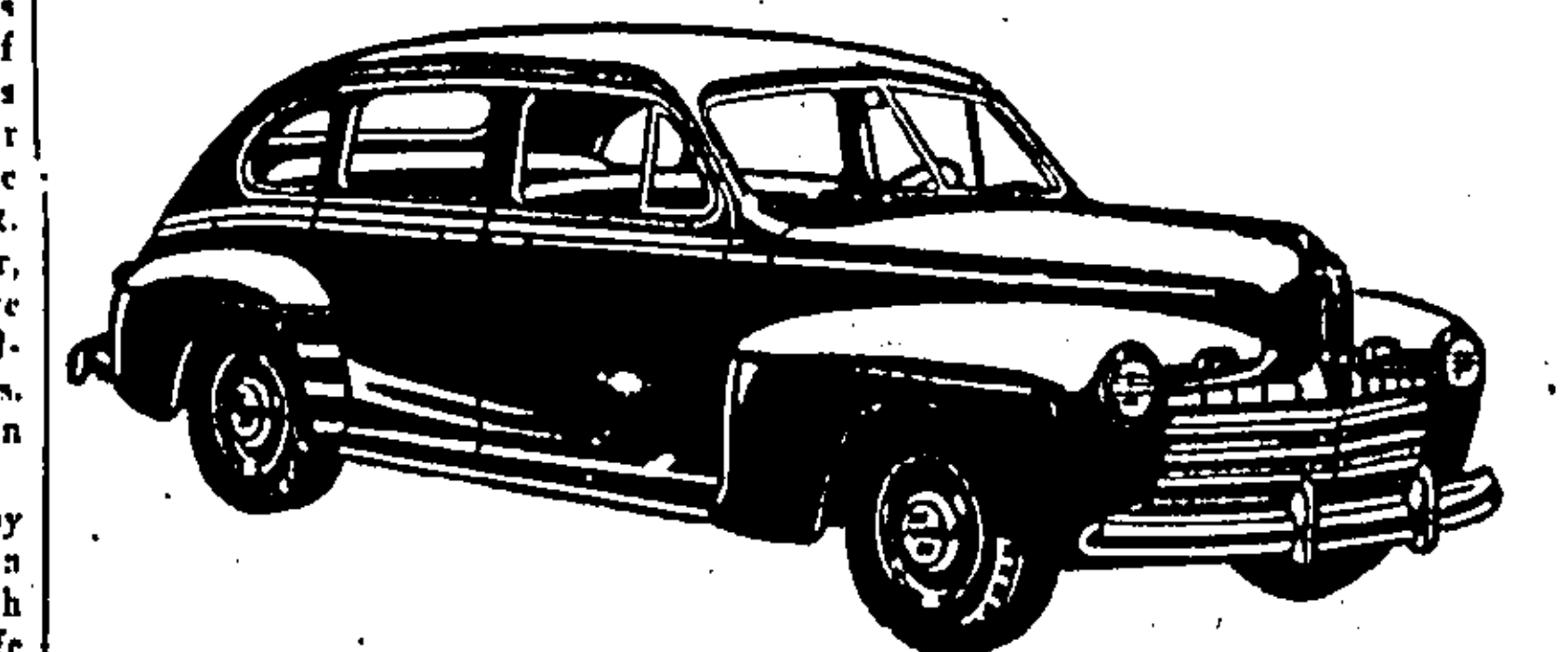
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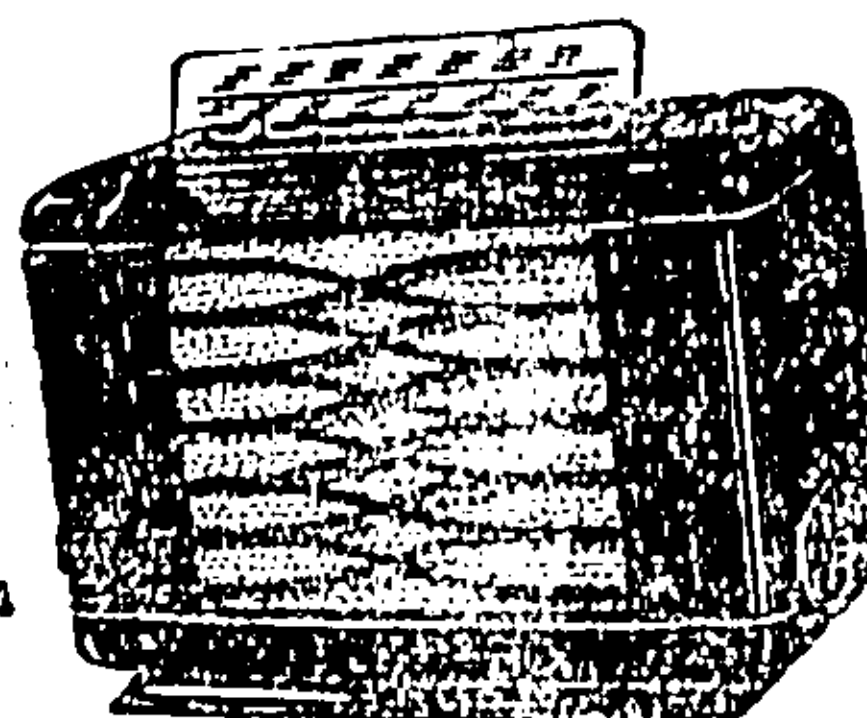
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NEW BRITISH DEFENCE PACT TO BOLSTER MIDDLE EAST

Treaty With Iraq First Of Series

Regional System Of Defence

London, Jan. 15. A regional defence system in the Middle East within the framework of the United Nations was foreshadowed by diplomatic observers in London tonight when the text of a new 20-year Anglo-Iraqi Treaty, signed earlier in the day, was issued.

The new treaty, which replaces that of 1930, may form the pattern for similar alliances throughout the Middle East, Reuters diplomatic correspondent writes.

Britain hopes that such a defence system may be worked out shortly by bringing the 1930 treaty with Egypt up to date and negotiating suitable treaties with other Arab States.

Though the features of individual treaties would differ they would be approached along the lines of today's treaty. The most striking point of this are the replacement of the former British Military Mission to Baghdad by a permanent joint Defence Board and the common use of certain armaments.

Habbaniya Base

Under the new treaty, Britain gives up the right to station ground forces at the air bases of Habbaniya and Shaba in peace time. Technical and maintenance crews will be the only British personnel there.

The treaty also limits Royal Air Force use of the aerodromes to the period in which Allied forces occupy the territory of ex-enemy states. After that, Britain will be able to use them only for aircraft in transit across Iraq.

Official quarters in London emphasise that even these facilities will be enjoyed by Britain, not as of right, but because Iraq recognises that British technical assistance in the maintenance of the aerodromes is a matter of mutual interest.

Proper Alliance

Like the old treaty, the new one with Iraq has the normal provisions of a thorough-going defensive alliance, now integrated with the United Nations instead of with the League of Nations.

An exchange of letters between Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and the Iraqi Premier, points out that Iraq's obligations under the new treaty are without prejudice to those already incurred under the terms of the Suddud Pact of 1937 between Persia, Iraq, Turkey and Afghanistan, and under the Covenant of the Arab League Pact of March, 1945.

Mutual Aid

The treaty starts by reaffirming the alliance. A vital article is Article Three, which provides for mutual aid in time of war.

The form this would take is described in detail in the military annex, which says that in the event of either party becoming involved in war or of the menace.

Strachey Optimism On Talks

LONDON, JAN. 15. THE FOOD MINISTER, MR. JOHN STRACHEY, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY THAT HE BELIEVED AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED IN THE ANGLO-DANISH TRADE TALKS WHICH STARTED HERE LAST WEEK.

The talks, he said, had been satisfactory so far.

Asked whether he had now changed his mind about the Danes having asked "fancy prices" for their bacon and butter, Mr. Strachey replied:

"We must always repeat to our Danish friends that we cannot just go into the world today and pay any price that is asked. There comes a point at which you cannot do that even to obtain most desirable supplies."

"But I do hope that we shall find the price at which we can do business,"—*Reuter*.

VATICAN EXTENDS DECREE

Rome, Jan. 16.

A Vatican source said tonight that the wartime decree relieving Catholics of the requirement of abstinence because of difficult war and post-war conditions, probably would be extended through 1948.—*Associated Press*.

TRAINS COLLIDE

Little Rock, Arkansas.

Jan. 15. At least two were killed and five injured when two Long Island trains, one a passenger and the other a goods train, collided head-on near Little Rock, Arkansas, early today.—*Reuter*.

WAR TALK DISAPPROVED

New Delhi, Jan. 15. Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, told a peace rally attended by 10,000 people here today, "I disapprove of this talk of war between the two Dominions (of India and Pakistan)."

"In my opinion there is no immediate possibility of such a war though as a Government we are prepared for all eventualities."

He added: "Even if there is a war, I assure you that not a single soldier will be able to enter our territory."

—*Reuter*.

Newspaper Suspended

Shanghai, Jan. 16.

The newspaper, Hsin Min Pao, was ordered suspended for three days on order of Mayor K. C. Wu as a result of a protest of denunciation by local Moslems who objected to the newspaper story saying that the Moslems refuse to eat pork because they revere the pig.

The Moslems demanded permanent suspension, apology, dismissal of the editor and court prosecution. Wu decided on a three-day suspension, dismissal of the editor responsible for the column and apologies. The newspaper, which was suspended last summer for alleged leftist tendencies, objected to Wu's order on the grounds that it sets a dangerous precedent.—*United Press*.

Morrison And Dick Barton

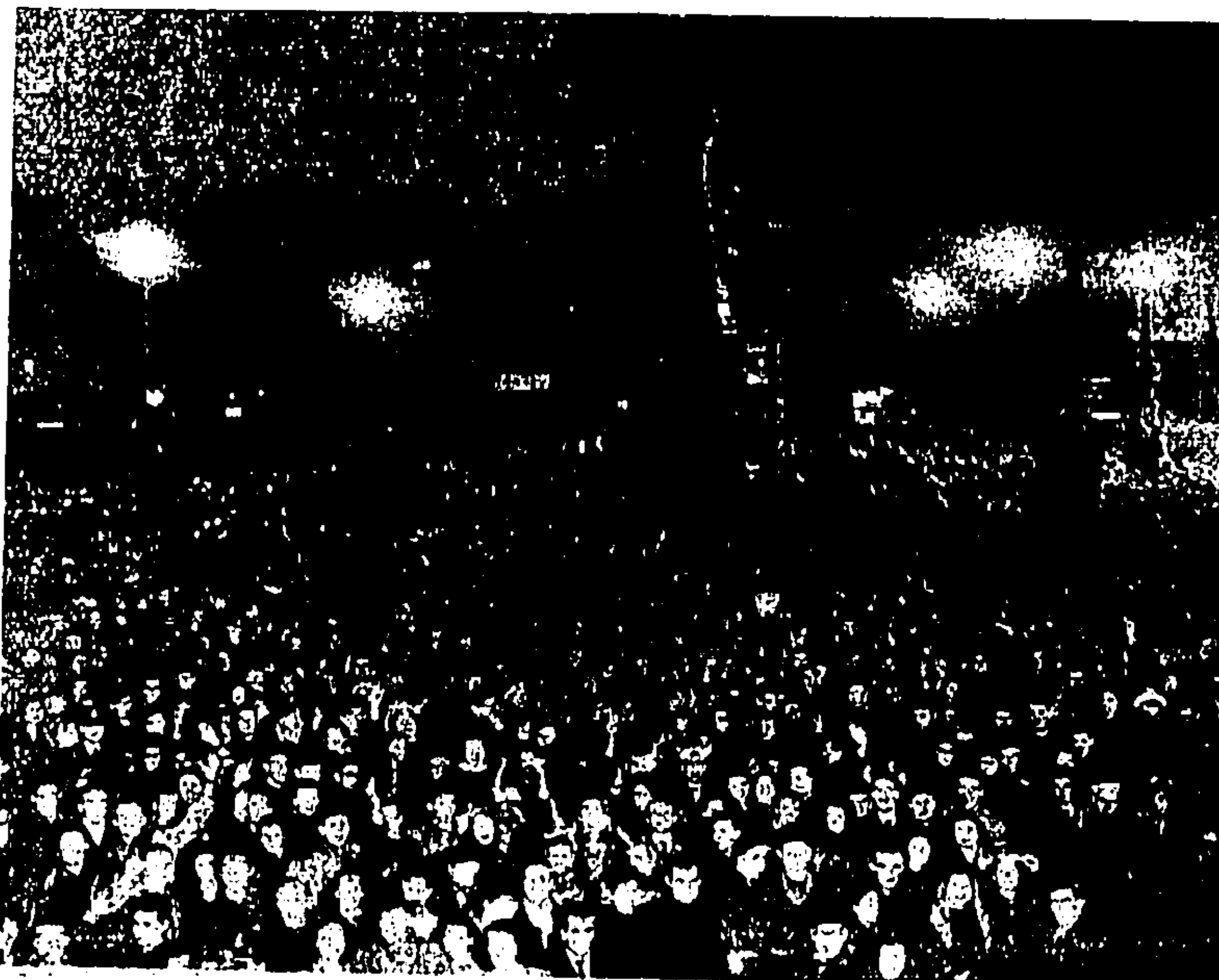
LETCHWORTH, JAN. 15. MR. HERBERT MORRISON, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKING AT LETCHWORTH, REFERRED TO A LETTER IN A NEWSPAPER IN WHICH A WRITER SAID: "I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS LIKE LISTENING TO DICK BARTON."

Mr. Morrison declared: "I like Dick Barton and I shall go on listening to him whenever I get the chance. There are too many people going round trying publicly to psychoanalyse other people."

"I like to listen to Dick Barton, which seems a good reason for doing a thing, provided you don't get yourself into trouble. I know that Dick Barton will start by getting himself into some predicament which he will get out of and, at the end of that period, he will get into another one which he will also get out of. It is enough to make your Member of Parliament and myself quite envious."

Mr. Morrison had previously been speaking about the future of Britain's No. 1 satellite town — Stevenage, Hertfordshire, which, he told the Labour audience, is to be a science town. The new town will be given preference in sites of the new scientific establishments in the London area.—*Reuter*.

Whoopee In Piccadilly



The New Year (1948) is welcomed in by a dense crowd gathered in Piccadilly Circus, London. Many persons are seen clambering on the base of the Eros statue. This is the first time since before the war that Eros has looked down on New Year's eve crowds. (Associated Press Photo).

U.N.O. Resolution On Prostitution

New York, Jan. 16. The U.N. Commission on the Status of Women today unanimously adopted a resolution on the eradication of commercialised prostitution and venereal disease.

The resolution declared that "commercialised prostitution and state regulation of prostitution is a violation of human rights and contrary to the principles of the United Nations, and brings the greatest dishonour, degeneration and humiliation upon women."

The resolution notes that in many countries, powerful and wealthy interests are involved in commercialised vice and in the traffic in women and oppose all efforts to eradicate this social evil. It condemns the existence of brothels as encouraging the traffic in women and creating a false sense of security from infection from venereal disease.

The Women's Commission asked the Economic and Social Council to forward this resolution to the U.N. Social Commission and World Health Organization with a request that they should forward information as to what action they are taking to eradicate commercialised prostitution and venereal diseases, in time for consideration at the next session of the Commission on the Status of Women.—*Central News*.

Student's Suicide

NEW YORK, JAN. 15. A MOSLEM STUDENT ATTENDING COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FROM THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, PLUNGED TO HIS DEATH TODAY FROM HIS NINTH FLOOR ROOM IN FURNALD HALL, A UNIVERSITY DORMITORY.

The university identified him as Habeeb Ahmed Farouk, 40, of Kachiguda, Hyderabad.

A university spokesman said that fellow students said that Farouk had been greatly worried for the past two or three months because of the civil strife in his homeland. He had a wife and four children in his home community.—*Reuter*.

Sweeping Attack On Reds

BOSTON, JAN. 16. A LEADING AMERICAN DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS TODAY CHARGED THAT AN IGNORANT RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO DOMINATE ALL EUROPE AND POSSIBLY THE WORLD, AND PEACE IS UNLIKELY UNLESS THE SOVIET'S "IRON CURTAIN" IS RAISED.

The sweeping attack was made by the usually mild-mannered Frederick Osborn, United States delegate to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission. He said the Soviet expansion drive was sparked by "fanaticism unmatched by anything since medieval times."

He bluntly indicated that the United States has virtually abandoned hope of reaching an atomic agreement as long as the present Soviet Government stands. Indirectly, he accused the Soviet delegate, Andrei Gromyko, of sending his own Government misleading reports on atomic negotiations: "so Moscow would be told what it wants to hear."—*United Press*.

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Rationing For At Least Four Years

Dollar Deficits To Continue

Washington, Jan. 15. The State Department forecast yesterday that Britain will remain on food, clothing and petrol rationing during and after the completion of the European recovery programme in June, 1952.

Making public new data on the Marshall Plan, the State Department said that Britain's gold and dollar resources, now at about \$2,000,000,000, will go down to one half of that by the end of 1948, and that large dollar deficits will continue for several years thereafter.

However, the State Department said that Britain's overseas payments might be "approximately" in balance by 1952.

The new data covers export and import production and the political prospects of each country, including Western Germany, involved in the Marshall Plan.

It did not disclose what sums, and in what forms, American money would be allocated.

State Department officials said they have tentatively decided to give outright grants to Greece and Austria; part grants, part credits, to Britain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark and Iceland; loans to Elze, Sweden and Norway, and to have Switzerland, Portugal and Turkey pay for goods in cash.

Devaluation Hint

In terms of calories Britain should have reached its pre-war per capita food consumption level by 1952, although the quality of the diet will remain below the 1918 standard, the Department said.

Steel production should have reached a point in 1952 at which supplies of durable goods for domestic use will be approaching pre-war levels, but accumulated demands, however, will mean a continued short supply, the Department added. The Department forecast a continuation of almost all present controls, and hinted at a possible devaluation of the pound.

It declared: "If in future the British Government should become convinced that sterling is a devalued currency and that the present exchange rate is permanently and adversely affecting the balance of payments, or is otherwise causing serious difficulties, Britain will probably seek to make required adjustments in the rate of exchange, in co-operation with the International Monetary Fund."

Political Scene

Of the British political scene the State Department said the Conservatives "are now showing increased vigour," and added that there was no basic difference of opinion between the Conservatives and the Labour Government on foreign policy. It said there was a division in the Labour Party between those "who would move rapidly to the left and those who followed a slightly left-of-centre course."

The political power of the British Communist Party was described as very small.

The importance of Britain's overseas dependencies in helping eventually to achieve a satisfactory balance of payments was emphasized. —Reuter.

Talks With Swiss

London, Jan. 15. Anglo-Swiss trade talks began in London today at the Treasury. The first session is understood to have been largely devoted to procedural matters but a Swiss spokesman told Reuter before the meeting that the "British ban on travel abroad was certain to be discussed."

Authoritative British circles made it clear that the Treasury would be willing to raise the ban "if any way could be found whereby the tourist traffic would not cost Britain gold or dollars."

Neither side has yet suggested any means that would permit this, but it is not high in London that Britain will be able to do more than "promise to lift the ban at the earliest possible date."

The Swiss delegation is led by M. Schaffner, Switzerland's permanent delegate to the financial and commercial talks in London.

The British delegation is led by Mr. Hugh Ellis, head of the Treasury. —Reuter.

BOUCHIER WILL COMMAND BCOP

Kora, Jan. 16. Bouchier was nominated by the joint Chiefs-of-Staff of Australia and approved by General MacArthur as the acting Commander of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Australia and New Zealand of Australian Lt. General H. C. H. Robertson, who commands the British forces. —Associated Press.

N.Y. RUBBER

New York, Jan. 15. Rubber futures closed 10 points lower to five cents, after a 10-point advance on Jan. 14. The market was quiet on Jan. 15. —Associated Press.

CHINESE COULD DO MORE

Shanghai, Jan. 16. The Chinese could do much more to help themselves than they are actually doing, Dr. T. F. Ts'ang, Chinese delegate to the United Nations Security Council, said at a reception here, in commenting on the proposed American aid.

He said: "Even if one believes China has reached a certain point where she must have foreign aid, it is my conviction that we could do much more to help ourselves than we are actually doing."

Dr. Ts'ang added that help themselves there is not much use for diplomacy. —Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Jan. 16. Aircraft and other selected stocks made some recovery headway on Thursday although most leaders continued to retreat. Aviation stocks in the front have renewed hopes in the military orders. While advances ranging in two points were well distributed at the close, declines predominated.

Transfers were 180,000 shares. Among leaders were Douglas Aircraft, United Aircraft, Glenn Martin, Lockheed, Consolidated Vultee, American Woolen, Loews, Ohio Oil.

Stumblers included Santa Fe, Caterpillar Tractor, Allied Chemical, Dow Jones, Abcam—Stocks 63.70, 20 Industrials 177.03, 15 Rails 51.10, 10 Utilities 33.11.

Closing quotations:—Adams Express 164, Alaska Juneau 84, American Can 17 1/2, American Smelting 65, American Telephone 151 1/2, American Tobacco 64, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Amoco 41 1/2, Aviatron 41 1/2, Borden 24, Borden Aviation 25 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 94 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 25 1/2, Borden Co. 41, Canadian Pacific 11 1/2, J. I. Case Special Solvent 23, Corn Products 64 1/2, 43 1/2, Chrysler 44 1/2, Colgate 44 1/2, General Electric 24 1/2, General Motors 42 1/2, Goodrich 55, Goodyear 43 1/2, Hanes 40, International Paper 50 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 12, Johns Manville 40, Kennecott Copper 47 1/2, Montgomery Ward 41, National Distillers 20 1/2, National Lead 22 1/2, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 9, Pennsylvania RR 18 1/2, Radio Corp. 9, Republic Steel 20 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 40 1/2, Schenley 20, Sears Roebuck 14 1/2, Shell Oil 42 1/2, Sealed Vacuum 16 1/2, Southern Pacific 47 1/2, Standard Brands 27 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 60 1/2, Standard Oil of N. J. 7 1/2, Studebaker 30 1/2, Union Carbide 31 1/2, Union Carbide 31 1/2, US Steel 42 1/2, Westinghouse 24 1/2, U.S. Line 10 1/2, Westinghouse 24 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 73 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12 1/2. —Associated Press.

Feng Burns All His Bridges

New York, Jan. 16. Feng Yu-hsiang today defied the Chinese Government order recalling him to China and announced his allegiance to all forces seeking the overthrow of Chiang Kai-shek.

Gen. Feng declared at a press conference that he would embark on a speaking tour all over the United States in an attempt to muster support for opposition to aid for China.

He thus terminated his latest association with Chiang Kai-shek, with whom and against whom he has fought intermittently since the founding of the Chinese Republic in 1912.

Gen. Feng simultaneously abandoned the Commission to study water conservation projects, he had been chairman of this Commission since his arrival in the United States on Sept. 14, 1940.

He declared: "Democratic groups with the Kuomintang met in Hong Kong from Jan. 1 to 3 and resolved to form a revolutionary committee."

"I am honored in having been elected to the Central Board. I placed together with my democratic comrades in the Kuomintang to fight for the overthrow of Chiang's dictatorship and the formation of a peace and democracy in China." —United Press.

Mickey The Drummer

Mickey Rooney is seen seriously engrossed in his practice on the drums when he was photographed at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London, on Jan. 2. The American star of the Andy Hardy series is rehearsing for his forthcoming appearance at London's Palladium. He arrived on the Queen Mary. (Associated Press Photo.)

MORE AMERICAN HELP FOR GREEK ARMY

Athens, Jan. 15. The Greek army is well equipped and is going to receive more equipment, Mr. Dwight P. Griswold, head of the United States Aid to Greece Mission, said today in refutation of criticism in some Greek Government political circles that the Greek army was inadequately equipped.

"The Greek army is going to have plenty of good equipment to fight the war against the guerrillas," Mr. Griswold said.

He added that he expected to go to Washington for two or three weeks to appear before a Congressional committee about continued aid to Greece.

He denied that his trip was related to recent disagreements with the Greek War Minister, M. George Stratos, now reported to have been smoothed over.

Two hundred and fifty Greek guerrillas were unofficially reported here today to have been killed in the fighting around Arakhsa, on the Gulf of Corinth, which, according to press reports, a Greek army relief column recaptured early today after the guerrillas had forced the garrison to withdraw yesterday.

Official reports later confirmed that relief forces had recaptured Arakhsa. The guerrillas were stated to have been pursued towards Doonitsa and split into two groups, one retreating to the Vardousia range and the other towards the Karpenisi heights. —Reuter.

He Took Out Own Appendix

BRISBANE, JAN. 16. A SOLDIER WHO TOOK HIS OWN APPENDIX OUT WITH THE AID OF A MIRROR AND AN ORDINARY KNIFE, RECEIVED THE MILITARY CROSS AND BAR AT AN INVESTIGATIVE HEARING TODAY.

He is Captain Robert Kerr McLaren, 35-year-old, Scottish born, veterinary surgeon from Dundaberg, Queensland. Captain McLaren said: "I knew I had appendicitis, and would the useless I did something. I used a mirror and an ordinary knife for the operation—it was hell. But I came out all right and used jungle fibre to stitch the wound."

He performed the operation in Mindanao, in the Philippines, in August 1944. —Reuter.

Lancashire Trade With Far East

The China and Far Eastern Section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce has just submitted its annual report on the year's trade with the Far East and prospects for the future. The report says that trading was very difficult and was carried on under conditions of extreme uncertainty.

The report says, "Nearly all countries in the area are enduring unhappy adolescence in achieving ultimate maturity of peaceful self-government. It declares that traders will clearly have to re-orientate their previous outlook, ideas and practice to the vast potentialities of the Far East remain little altered."

The report draws special attention to Hongkong where it says "prosperous conditions are now firmly re-established. It adds that the importance of the Colony cannot be over-estimated and expresses the hope that the Colonial Secretary will realise the need for developing its transport and commercial facilities."

Of Malaya the report states that trading conditions have been reasonably stable and that the flow of goods has been in many ways remarkable.

The China and Far Eastern Section goes on to point out that in China drastic import licensing regulations, introduced at the end of 1946 failed to stabilise the currency. The official exchange rate rose from CN\$13,500 to 41 sterling in January to CN\$140,000 in October and in the same period the cost of living increased sevenfold. The Executive Committee of the Section had protested against the prohibition on cotton and woollen piece goods but the currency situation became so serious that China's overseas purchases had to be temporarily restricted to a limited class of essential imports which could not be extended to include textiles.

In connection with the re-emergence of Japan in the field of world trade the report comments: "There is room for the voice of the United Kingdom to be heard with greater clarity in the Far Eastern Commission at Washington and in Japan."

Washington, Jan. 16. The United States has rejected a Yugoslav request for the immediate release of some US\$70,000,000 of Yugoslav assets frozen in this country during the war. —Associated Press.

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